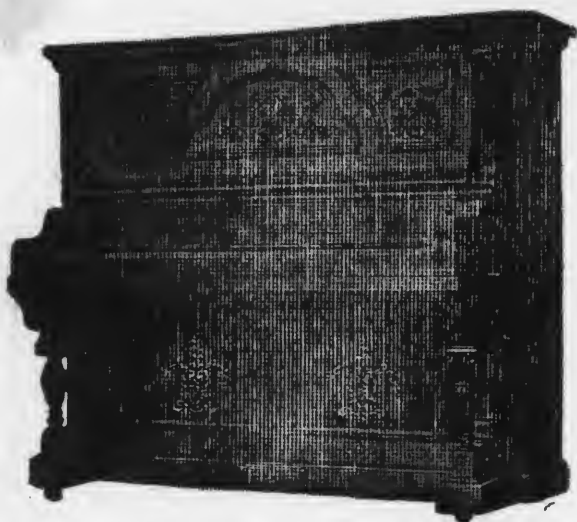


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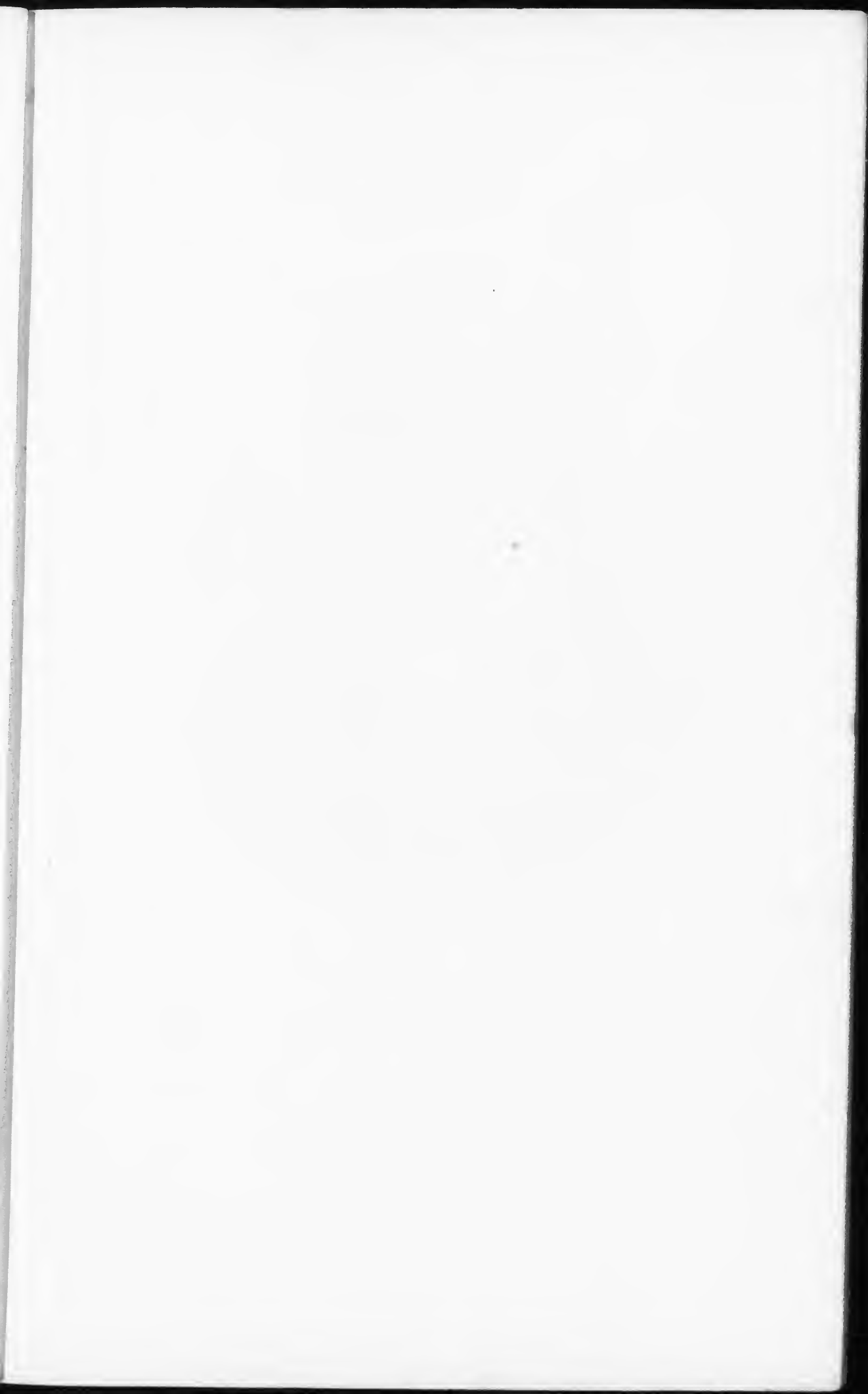
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Boyce, O. E....	1902	Dakota ...	1902	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Big Stone City
Bromaghim, F. L.	1895	S. Dakota.	1895	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Devoe
Brown, G. D....	1897	S. Dakota.	1897	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Wessington Spgs
Brown S. F....	1866	Wyoming ..	1885	Charter Mr	Supt.	Bangor
Bunt, P. O....	1902	Dakota ...	1902	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Alpena
Butterfield, O.W.	1903	Dakota ...	1903	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Groton
Carhart, A. E..	1892	Dakota ...	1892	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Montrose
Case, F. F....	1902	Dakota ...	1902	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Woonsocket
Chamberlain, D.W.	...	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mr	Supt.	Scotland
Chappell, E. S..	1891	Dakota ...	1891	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Alexandria
Chappell, S. A..	1897	Dakota ...	1897	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Milbank
Cave, W. A....	1901	Dakota ...	1901	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Flandreau
Corwin, G. J....	1886	Dakota ...	1886	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Wagner
Cory, W. H....	1891	Dakota ...	1891	Probation ..	Sup'y ...	Seattle, Wash.
Clark, C. B....	1864	Iowa	1900	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Deadwood
Dean, E. E....	1896	Dakota ...	1896	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Warner
Deeble, W. D..	1888	Dakota ...	1888	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Britton
Dempsey, R. H..	1899	North Mlan	1900	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Okobojo
Dibble, J. R....	1890	Dakota ...	1890	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Parker
Dobson, J. O....	1885	Upper Iowa	1893	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Huron
Ehlers, W. C....	1901	Dakota ...	1901	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Henry
Fox, Frank	1900	Dakota ...	1900	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Doland
Graham, W. L..	1878	Iowa	1897	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Mitchell
Gram, W. O....	1893	Dakota ...	1893	Probation ..	Supt.	Bath
Greene, W. A..	1897	Dakota ...	1897	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Platte
Gurney, J. T....	1896	Detroit ...	1900	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Iroquois
Hager, C. E....	1878	Upper Iowa	1885	Charter Mr	Eff've ...	Mitchell
Hall, E. P....	...	N. Dakota.	1896	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Aberdeen
Hall, J. G....	1886	Ohio	1886	Transfer ..	Supt.	Albuquerque, N.M
Hall, John	1899	Black Hills	1900	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Custer
Harkness, J. S..	1894	Wesleyan C	1894	Credentials	Eff've ...	Webster
Hartsough, L..	1853	Oneida ...	1885	Charter Mr	Supt.	Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Hopkins, G. F..	1888	British Col.	1893	Credentials	Eff've ...	Brookings
Hyde, O. M....	1903	Dakota ...	1903	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Hazel
Ingersoll, P. S.	1899	Dakota ...	1899	Probation ..	Sup'y ...	Selby
Jamieson, A....	1872	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mr	Eff've ...	Beresford
James, A. P....	1890	Dakota ...	1890	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Plankinton
Jenkins, J. P....	1887	Dakota ...	1887	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Sioux Falls
Johnson, N. P..	1894	W. N. Dan.	1899	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Selby
Jordan, W. H..	1887	Dakota ...	1887	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Sioux Falls
Kaye, John	1897	Dakota ...	1897	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Howard
Kerr, D. S....	1902	Dakota ...	1902	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Egan
Knight, H. F....	1883	Wisconsin ..	1891	Transfer ..	Sup'y ...	Junc'n City, Col.
Lane, L. L....	1899	Dakota ...	1899	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Sisseton
Logsdon, C. E..	1899	Upper Iowa	1899	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Wilmot
MacDuffee, F. C.	1894	Dakota ...	1894	Probation ..	Sup'y ...	Custer
McEldowney, B.W.	1902	Dakota ...	1902	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Bristol
McLean, D. C..	1890	Dakota ...	1890	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Webster
McLean, L....	1883	Ce. Illinois.	1895	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Mt. Vernon
MacBeth, P. H..	1903	Dakota ...	1903	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Faulkton
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Murray, D. E....	1903	Dakota ...	1903	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Miller
Minty, W. F....	1877	Rock River.	1885	Charter Mr	Eff've ...	Elk Point
Nicholls, F. T..	1889	Dakota ...	1889	Probation ..	Eff've ...	Alcester
Nickerson, M. E.	1885	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mr	Sup'y ...	Hamline, Minn.
Nicholson, Thos.	...	...	1903	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Mitchell
Norton, F. J....	1878	Upper Iowa	1895	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Bath
Norvell, J. E....	1885	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mr	Eff've ...	Northville
Notson, G. T....	1893	Des Moines	1894	Trensfer ..	Eff've ...	Pierre
Parker, Geo. S..	...	Minnesota.	1903	Transfer ..	Eff've ...	Madison
Potter, I. P....	1897	Dakota ...	1897	Probation ..	Sup'y ...	Geddes
Preston, Henry..	1903	Dakota ...	1903	Probation ..	Eff've ...	DeSmet
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Redfield, W. O.	1890	Dakota ...	1890	Probation ..	Eff've	Hartford
Rifenbark, D. ...	1885	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter Mr	Eff've	Watertown
Rosenberry, G. W.	...	Cent. N. Y.	1901	Transfer ..	Eff've	Yankton
Sanderson, T. ...	1896	Dakota ...	1896	Probation ..	Eff've	White
Saxton, E. E. ...	1901	Dakota ...	1901	Probation ..	Eff've	Artesian
Shepherd, A. C.	1898	Dakota ...	1898	Probation ..	Eff've	Vermillion
Shepherd, W. S.	1898	Dakota ...	1898	Probation ..	Eff've	Watertown
Sevy, I. B. ...	1901	Dakota ...	1901	Probation ..	Eff've	Canistota
Simmons, T. ...	1875	Upper Ia.	1885	Charter Mr	Sup'y	Chicago, Ill.
Shugg, W. E. ...	...	N. Y. Cen.	1903	Transfer ..	Eff've	Colton
Slocum, W. P. ...	1902	Dakota ...	1902	Probation ..	Eff've	White Lake
Slocumb, L. V. ...	1903	Dakota ...	1903	Probation ..	Eff've	Ashton
Springer, H. M.	1864	W. Wis.	1885	Charter Mr	Supt.	Hazel
Stewart, W. B. ...	1893	Dakota ...	1893	Probation ..	Eff've	Centerville
Stiles, B. F. ...	1903	Dakota ...	1903	Probation ..	Eff've	Highmore
Swickard, N. A.	1891	Kansas	1896	Transfer ..	Eff've	Canton
Tanner, A. E. ...	1883	Genesee	1885	Transfer ..	Sup'y	Canton
Taylor, J. W. ...	...	Detroit	1902	Transfer ..	Eff've	Aberdeen
Thomas, Martin.	1901	Dakota ...	1901	Probation ..	Eff've	Terry
Thurston, A. W.	1897	Dakota ...	1897	Probation ..	Eff've	Scotland
Underwood, Wm.	1853	Rock River	1887	Re-admis-	Supt.	White Lake
Vogt, J. H. ...	1902	Missouri	1903	Transfer ..	Eff've	Wolsey
Walker, T. H. ...	1864	Can. Wes'n	1885	Charter Mr	Supt.	Judsonia, Ark.
Washburn, S. ...	1863	Rock River	1887	Transfer ..	Supt.	Chicago, Ill.
Weaver, S. T. ...	1894	Des Moines	1902	Transfer ..	Eff've	Sioux Falls
Webster, G. E. ...	1902	Wisconsin	1903	Transfer ..	Eff've	Springfield
Wilkinson, T. ...	1871	Prim. Meth	1891	Credentials	Supt.	Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Wilkinson, H. S.	1893	Upper Ia.	1900	Transfer ..	Eff've	Mitchell
Watson, S. J. ...	1897	Dakota ...	1897	Probation ..	Eff've	Salem
Williams, O. ...	1860	Des Moines	1892	Transfer ..	Eff've	Armour
Walker, C. O. ...	1900	Dakota ...	1900	Probation ..	Eff've	Langford
Youngman, T. H.	1867	Onelda ...	1891	Transfer ..	Eff've	Huron

PROBATIONERS.

Name	Admitted		Class	Address
	Conference	Year		
Crowther, James	Dakota ...	1902	Second Year	Parkston
Hastings, H. L.	Dakota ...	1902	Second Year	Gayville
McLean, A. C.	Dakota ...	1902	Second Year	Wessington
Mason, Wm.	Dakota ...	1902	Second Year	Fulton
McKinney, J. E.	Dakota ...	1902	Second Year	Worthing
Smith, H. W.	Dakota ...	1902	Second Year	Garretson
Thibadeau, A. D.	Dakota ...	1902	Fourth Year	Redfield
Van Der Voort, R. J.	Dakota ...	1902	Second Year	Wakonda
Wallis, H. K.	Dakota ...	1902	Fourth Year	Gary
Ward, A. M.	Dakota ...	1900	Second Year	Frederick
Weston, P. H.	Dakota ...	1901	Second Year	Mt. Vernon, Iowa
Bigelow, J. C.	Dakota ...	1903	First Year	Mitchell
Granger, G. L.	Dakota ...	1901	First Year	Hurley
Jones, John	Dakota ...	1903	First Year	Colman
Kearton, J. H.	Dakota ...	1903	First Year	Tripp
Keckler, L. R.	Dakota ...	1903	First Year	Irene
Scott, W. S.	Dakota ...	1903	First Year	Fairfax
Shurtleff, S. H.	Dakota ...	1903	First Year	Harrisburg
Tarleton, R. E.	Dakota ...	1903	First Year	Mellette

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

1903-4.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Andover	\$78.00	Herreld and Mound City	75.00
Ashton	100.00	Langford	100.00
Bowdle	125.00	Leola	100.00
Bristol	75.00	Mellette	75.00
Butler	100.00	Northville	50.00
Claremont	50.00	Selby and Bangor	105.00
Conde	80.00	Warner	125.00
Devoe	125.00	District	400.00
Doland	100.00		
Frederick	100.00	Total	\$2,063.00
Hecla	100.00		

HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena	\$70.00	Iroquois	65.00
Blunt and Onida	160.00	Lebanon	100.00
Burdette	100.00	Miller	60.00
Carpenter and Winthrop	90.00	Okobojo	100.00
Cavour	120.00	Pierre	80.00
DeSmet	50.00	Wolsey	120.00
Faulton	60.00	Wessington	120.00
Forest City	60.00	Wessington Springs	60.00
Gettysburg	100.00	District	360.00
Hitchcock	50.00		
Highmore	120.00	Total	\$2,045.00

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Armour	\$60.00	Mt. Vernon	80.00
Bridgewater	80.00	Plankinton	80.00
Canistota	100.00	Springfield	100.00
Chamberlain	80.00	Tyndall	80.00
Chandler and LaRoche	60.00	White Lake	60.00
Fairfax	100.00	Wagner	100.00
Geddes	80.00	District	320.00
Howard	80.00		
Kimball	40.00	Total	\$1,580.00
Letcher	80.00		

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

Alcester	\$80.00	Marion	25.00
Beresford	40.00	Montrose	100.00
Burbank	25.00	Jordan Ch. Sioux Falls	220.00
Dell Rapids	40.00	Wakonda	50.00
Elk Point	100.00	Worthing	70.00
Garretson	50.00	Yankton	100.00
Gayville	40.00		
Hudson	50.00	Total	\$1,030.00
Hurley	40.00		

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Aurora and Bruce	\$100.00	Summit	50.00
Castlewood	100.00	Vienna	100.00
Clear Lake	80.00	Waubay	100.00
Corona and Wilmot	50.00	White Rock	100.00
Garden City	50.00	Willow Lakes	100.00
Hazel	50.00	District	150.00
Kampeska	100.00		
Lake Preston	80.00	Total	\$1,210.00

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

ABERDEEN, S. Dak., Oct. 14, 1903.

The Nineteenth Session of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., at 9 o'clock a. m., the Rev. E. P. Hall, D. D. presiding by appointment of Bishop Walden, who was unable to reach the seat of the Conference for the first day's session.

The Conference joined in singing Hymn 798 and the Rev. A. Jamieson read the ninth chapter of Hebrews. The presiding officer assisted by Presiding Elders Jenkins and Rifenbark and the Rev. A. Jamieson, proceeded to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ROLL CALL.

By request the Secretary of the former Conference came forward and called the roll, and the following named responded:

G. D. Brown, S. F. Brown, P. O. Bunt, A. E. Carhart, F. F. Case, E. S. Chappell, S. A. Chappell, W. A. Cave, E. E. Dean, W. D. Deeble, J. B. Dibble, J. O. Dobson, W. C. Ehlers, Frank Fox, W. I. Graham, W. A. Greene, J. T. Gurney, C. E. Hager, E. P. Hall, J. S. Harkness, G. F. Hopkins, P. S. Ingersoll, A. Jamieson, A. P. Janes, J. P. Jenkins, N. P. Johnson, W. H. Jordan, John Kaye, D. S. Kerr, C. E. Logsdon, B. W. McEldowney, L. MacLean, W. L. Meinzer, M. E. Nickerson, F. J. Norton, J. E. Norvell, G. T. Notson, O. A. Phillips, W. O. Redfield, D. Rifenbark, G. W. Rosenberry, T. Sanderson, E. E. Saxton, A. C. Shepherd, W. S. Shepherd, I. B. Sevey, W. P. Slocum, N. A. Swickard, A. E. Tanner, J. W. Taylor, A. W. Thurston, Wm. Underwood, H. S. Wilkinson, S. J. Watson, O. Williams, C. O. Walker and T. H. Youngman.—60.

Probationers—O. W. Butterfield, O. M. Hyde, D. E. Murray, P. H. MacBeth, Henry Preston, L. V. Slocumb, B. F. Stiles, A. M. Ward, James Crowther, H. L. Hastings, Wm. Mason, A. C. McLean, J. E. McKinney, H. W. Smith, R. J. Van Der Voort, A. D. Thibadeau, H. K. Wallis.—17.

ELECTIONS.

G. T. Notson was elected Secretary, and upon his nomination W. S. Shepherd and R. B. Beavis were elected Assistants.

J. S. Harkness was elected Treasurer and nominated G. W. Rosenberry, I. B. Sevey and O. E. Boyce, as his Assistants, who were elected.

G. D. Brown was elected Statistical Secretary and upon his nomination P. O. Bunt, A. W. Thurston, F. L. Bromaghin, H. W. Smith and W. C. Ehlers were elected Assistant Statisticians.

Postmaster—W. P. Slocum was elected postmaster.

Reporters—R. B. Beavis was elected reporter of the Northwestern Christian Advocate and J. T. Gurney for the local papers.

Railroad Secretary—The Conference confirmed the selection of C. C. Burnette as railway secretary, with Henry Preston as assistant.

HOUR OF MEETING.

It was voted that the hour of meeting be fixed at 8:30 a. m., and the hour of adjournment at 11:50 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to devotional services.

CONFERENCE BAR.

The bar of the Conference was upon motion fixed to include the first eight rows of seats from the pulpit.

COMMITTEES.

The list of standing committees was called and revised. On motion A. C. McLean, T. H. Youngman, A. Jamieson, S. A. Chappell and L. V. Slocumb were elected a committee on memoirs.

H. S. Wilkinson, L. V. Slocumb, S. J. Watson, G. F. Hopkins and S. A. Chappell were appointed a committee on the Epworth League.

The following named were elected a committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society: D. E. Murray, E. S. Chappell, L. MacLean, W. C. Ehlers and W. D. Deeble.

MEMORIAL HALL.

On motion of J. P. Jenkins the financial secretary of Dakota University, Dr. W. I. Graham, was requested to prepare a report for publication in the Minutes, showing amounts subscribed and amounts paid toward the erection of Century Memorial Hall since its beginning, and also that all amounts paid during this Conference year be published in a special column in the statistical tables.

INTRODUCTIONS.

Dr. D. D. Thompson, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate; S. H. Pye, agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern; Dr. J. C. Floyd, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, and Dr. Thomas Nicholson, president of Dakota University, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

R. N. Chapman, representative of the Book Concern, was presented to the Conference.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Voted that all candidates for admission on trial, by credentials, and on certificates of location, also those to be received into full connection, be required to appear before the committee on Conference Relations, and all the cases of supernumeraries and superan-

uates, and those who are likely to have their relations changed to either of the above relations be referred to the same committee. In all cases where the Presiding Elders are unanimous, cases may be referred by them to the committee on Conference Relations.

AGE LIMIT.

The rule of our Conference fixing the age limit for admission on trial at 35 years, was re-affirmed.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

A statistical session was ordered to be held at 2 o'clock p. m.

CLOSING.

The committees were called, announcements made, and after singing the Doxology, the Rev. S. F. Brown pronounced the Benediction.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

The Conference convened at 2 o'clock with the Rev. A. Jamieson in the chair by appointment. After singing one stanza of Hymn 574, the Rev. Lachlin Maclean, led in prayer.

The statistics were collected and the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Oct. 15, 1903.

OPENING.

The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., with devotional services conducted by the Rev. Robert Forbes, D. D. Bishop Walden took the chair at 9:00 a. m.

JOURNAL.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

DELINQUENTS.

The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer called the list of delinquents. .

ABSENTEES.

The roll of absentees was called and the following named responded: G. J. Corwin, L. L. Lane, W. F. Minty, W. B. Stewart, S. T. Weaver and F. T. Nicholls.

QUESTION THIRTEEN.

"Was the character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. The following Presiding Elders were called, passed in character and read their reports: D. Rifenbark, Watertown District; J. P. Jenkins, Sioux Falls District; C. E. Hager, Mitchell District; J. O. Dobson, Huron District; E. P. Hall, Aberdeen District.

TRANSFERS.

Thomas Nicholson, of the Upper Iowa Conference; John H. Vogt, of the Missouri Conference; George S. Parker, of the Minnesota Conference, and Gordon L. Granger, of the Wyoming Conference were introduced by the Bishop, and their transfers to this Conference announced.

The transfer of George E. Webster from the Vermont Conference was announced, also the transfers of J. C. Harvey to the Columbia River Conference, and John Lewtas to the Puget Sound Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS.

Dr. Robert Forbes, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and Rev. Frederick Getty, Field Worker of the Sunday School Union, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends from the Book Concern for \$427, and \$22 from the Chartered Fund, were announced and drafts ordered for the same.

QUESTION THIRTEEN.

The following Elders were called, they were passed in character, and made their reports:

Watertown District—W. L. Meinzer, S. J. Watson, L. L. Lane, W. S. Shepherd, Jas. S. Harkness, Thomas Sanderson.

Sioux Falls District—L. MacLean, A. Jamieson, A. C. Shepherd, W. B. Stewart, R. B. Beavis, W. F. Minty, G. F. Hopkins, W. O. Redfield, G. S. Parker, J. B. Dibble, W. H. Jordan, S. T. Weaver, J. W. Taylor, M. E. Nickerson, G. W. Rosenberry.

Mitchell District—S. A. Chappell, O. Williams, G. J. Corwin, John Kaye, T. H. Youngman, A. P. Janes, A. W. Thurston.

Huron District—J. T. Gurney, O. A. Phillips, H. S. Wilkinson, G. T. Notson, G. D. Brown, J. H. Vogt.

Aberdeen District—N. A. Swickard, Frank Fox, W. D. Deeble, N. P. Johnson, F. L. Bromaghim, J. E. Norvell, F. J. Norton, E. E. Dean.

C. B. Clark, Martin Thomas, E. S. Chappell, I. P. Potter, W. I. Graham, were passed in character.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the special order immediately following the admission of the class into full connection on Friday.

RULES.

The candidates for admission were called and the Bishop addressed them, calling attention to the paragraphs in the Discipline relating to the rules for a Preacher's conduct.

RECORD BOOK.

The Committee on Conference Relations were authorized to purchase a book in which to keep a permanent record of the questions and answers relating to the use of tobacco and indebtedness, by all candidates for admission.

NEW COMMITTEES.

On motion the following Committee on Permanent Conference Claimants Fund was elected: L. Maclean, O. A. Phillips, O. Williams, W. C. Ehlers, J. E. Norvell.

The following named were made a Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts: W. D. Deeble, H. S. Wilkinson, E. S. Chappell, A. E. Tanner C. E. Logsdon.

A Committee on Deaconess Work was elected as follows: N. A. Swickard, G. T. Notson, A. P. Janes, G. F. Hopkins, O. E. Boyce.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

The apportionment for the Episcopal Fund, amounting to \$1,065, was referred to the Presiding Elders.

TIME EXTENDED.

On motion time was extended.

PAPERS.

Certain papers were distributed by the Bishop to the various Committees.

A memorial from the North Dakota Conference relating to a uniform method for taking of examinations of under-graduates, was referred to the Board of Examiners.

Resolutions in the hands of the Secretary, coming from the Des Moines Conference, referring to Biblical Criticism, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

ADDRESS.

The Bishop addressed the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.

The committees were called, announcements made and after singing, Bishop Walden pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Oct. 16, 1903.

OPENING.

Bishop Walden called the Conference to order at 8:30 a. m., and the Rev. T. H. Youngman conducted the devotional services.

At 9 o'clock the reading of the minutes of the previous session was called for, which were approved.

DEPUTATION.

N. A. Swickard and T. H. Youngman were appointed to convey the greetings of the Annual Conference to the Lay Electoral Conference in session at the Presbyterian church, and instructed to make arrangements for a joint meeting at 5 o'clock p. m.

DELINQUENTS.

The Treasurer called the roll of delinquents.

BOOK CONCERN.

R. N. Chapman, representative of the Book Concern, made an announcement.

INTRODUCTIONS.

The Rev. C. M. Wheat, of the Upper Iowa Conference, and the Rev. N. J. Aplin, of the Wisconsin Conference, were introduced.

QUESTION SEVEN.

"Who Have Been Admitted Into Full Membership?" was taken up. The class for admission were called forward. The Conference joined in singing Hymn 574, and the Rev. A. Jamieson led in prayer. The Bishop addressed the class and asked the usual Disciplinary questions. Orlow M. Hyde, Lyndon V. Slocumb, David E. Murray, Paul H. MacBeth, Henry Preston, Benj. F. Stiles were passed in character, reported their work, were represented by their Presiding Elders, the Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations, admitted into Full Membership and elected to Deacons Orders.

Otis W. Butterfield was passed in character, reported his work was represented by his Presiding Elder, the Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations and admitted into Full Membership, being already a Deacon.

Henry I. Farr was passed in character and admitted into Full Membership.

Arthur M. Ward was passed in character and continued on trial in the studies of the Second Year.

Parley H. Weston was passed in character, continued on trial in the studies of the Second Year and the Bishop requested to leave him without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

QUESTION FIVE.

"Who Have Been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Asa D. Thibadeau and Hall K. Wallis passed in character, reported their work, and were represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year under the Seminary Rule.

Horace L. Hastings, Allen C. McLean, James Crowther, Riley J. Van Der Voort, John E. McKinney, Hudson W. Smith and Wm. Mason, were passed in character, reported their work, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Robert E. Tarleton was passed in character, credited with studies taken and continued in the First Year.

Gordon L. Granger was passed in character, reported his work and continued in the studies of the First Year.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTION.

The Order of the Day was taken up and the Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference.

W. D. Deeble, O. A. Phillips, E. S. Chappell, S. J. Watson were appointed Tellers, and R. B. Beavis and S. T. Weaver as Secretaries.

The Bishop stated the rules governing elections laid down by the General Conference.

The ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

PRESENTATION.

Messrs. R. N. Kratz, H. S. Mouser and J. H. Close, a deputation from the Lay Electoral Conference were introduced

FIRST BALLOT.

The result of the first ballot was announced. There were 79 votes cast, of which number W. H. Jordan received 61 and was declared elected.

The Conference proceeded to another ballot for one delegate to the General Conference.

QUESTION TEN.

"What Members Have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Edgar E. Saxton, Isaac B. Sevey, Wm. C. Ehlers, Wm. A. Cave, Charles O. Walker passed in character, reported their work, were represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders, and elected to Elder's Orders, having completed the Conference course of study.

W. O. Gram was continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

SECOND BALLOT.

The Bishop announced the result of the second ballot. Eighty votes were cast with no election. The Conference proceeded to take a third ballot for General Conference delegate.

SUNDAY SESSION.

The Conference voted to hold a session Sunday afternoon for Memorial and Ordination services.

THIRD BALLOT.

The result of the third ballot was announced. Seventy-seven votes were cast, and no one having received a majority the order of the day was continued to 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

QUESTION THIRTY.

"Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up and

invitations were received from Vermillion, Mitchell and Watertown. After proper representations had been made, Mitchell was chosen.

The Secretary was instructed to convey to the churches at Vermillion and Watertown our appreciation and thanks for the invitations to meet with them.

CLOSING.

The Rev. G. W. Rosenberry was appointed to lead in the devotions at the joint meeting with the Lay Electoral Conference at 5 o'clock p. m.; and the Rev. Lachlin MacLean to assist in the devotional services Saturday morning.

Announcements were made and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Friday, Oct. 16, 1903.

OPENING.

Bishop Waldon took the chair at 5 o'clock p. m., and invited the President of the Lay Electoral Conference, the Hon. E. W. Eakin, to the platform.

After singing Hymn Number 770, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," the Rev. George F. Hopkins, led in prayer.

The Annual Conference greeted the Lay Electoral Conference by rising. The President of the Lay Conference announced the election of Hon. H. G. Tilton, of Vermillion, and Mr. Ira Barnes, of Aberdeen, as Lay delegates with Messrs. S. E. Morris, of Redfield and Nathan Noble, of Centerville, as reserve delegates.

The newly elected Lay delegates, Messrs. Tilton and Barnes were presented to the Conferences, and both briefly addressed the same. Dr. W. H. Jordan was called forward and spoke briefly to the Conferences. Hon. E. W. Eakin, President of the Lay Conference, also made a short address.

The Bishop responded to the general request of the Brethren and addressed the members of both Conferences.

The Conferences joined in singing Hymn number 798, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 1903.

OPENING.

The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., with Bishop Walden in the chair. The Rev. Lachlin MacLean conducted the devotional exercises.

At 9 a. m., the business session was opened by reading of the minutes, which were approved.

QUESTION NINE.

"What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. Pierce O. Bunt, Wm. P. Slocum, Frederick F. Case, Wm. A. Greene, Daniel S. Kerr, were passed in character, reported their work, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

Orien E. Boyce and Benj. W. McEldowney, were passed in character, reported their work, represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year, conditioned upon certain studies.

Henry F. Knight, Perry S. Ingersoll, Richard H. Dempsey, Charles E. Logsdon, were passed in character and continued in the studies of the Third Year.

QUESTION FOUR.

"Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. Walter S. Scott, John H. Kearton, John Jones, Sidney H. Shurtleff, LeRoy R. Keckler, Jehu C. Bigelow were represented by the Examiners, their Presiding Elders and the Committee on Conference Relations and were admitted on trial.

Voted that the Conference request the Rock River and Wilmington Conferences to restore the parchments of Jehu C. Bigelow and John Jones respectively, and also that they be excused from those parts of the course of study which they have taken.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The order of the day was taken up, and the fourth ballot was taken for delegate to General Conference. Seventy-four votes were cast of which number Duane Rifenbark received 45, and was elected.

C. E. Hager and J. O. Dobson received 43 and 42 votes respectively, and were declared elected reserve delegates.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO.

"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. Thomas Simmons, Frank C. MacDuffee, Wm. H. Cory, Henry F. Knight, Alum E. Tanner, Walter B. Redburn were passed in character and continued in the supernumerary relation.

Richard H. Dempsey, Charles E. Logsdon, John Hall, Donald C. McLean and Francis T. Nicholls were passed in character and made effective.

Frank Baker was located at his own request.

M. E. Nickerson, Isaac P. Potter and Perry S. Ingersoll were granted the supernumerary relation.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE.

"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. Lewis

Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, T. H. Walker, Sanford Washburn, Samuel F. Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, Wm. Underwood, John G. Hall, Henry M. Springer, Wm. O. Gram were passed in character and continued in their present relations.

Sanford Washburn, S. F. Brown, Wm. Underwood and W. O. Gram addressed the Conference. The Conference joined in singing, "My Latest Sun is Sinking Fast?"

Voted that the Charter Members and others who have done pioneer work within the bounds of the Conference be requested to furnish the facts pertaining to their work on this field.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Rev. Wm. Underwood with reference to publishing his Semi-Centennial sermon, who reported that they request the publication of the sermon by Bro. Underwood in any manner that may appear practicable to him.

DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

Voted that the Bishop be requested to appoint J. C. Bigelow as Field Secretary of Dakota University.

In harmony with the request of the Board of Directors of Dakota University the Conference proceeded to elect four new members by ballot according to the provisions of the Charter. The following eight names were nominated: T. H. Youngman, T. E. Blanchard, J. O. Dobson, Nathan Noble, G. F. Hopkins, H. S. Mouser, D. C. Thomas and L. S. Tyler. The ballot was taken and T. H. Youngman, J. O. Dobson, Nathan Noble and H. S. Mouser, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were elected.

Voted that the names of the Members of Dakota University be printed in the Minutes.

R. E. TARLETON.

On motion the Secretary was directed to send a telegram of sympathy to R. E. Tarleton, whose wife was reported dangerously ill.

METHODIST REVIEW.

W. O. Redfield was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

QUESTION ELEVEN.

"*What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*" was taken up. Clark L. Cone, represented by the Examiners and his Presiding Elder was elected to Deacon's Orders as a local preacher.

TIME EXTENDED.

On motion the time was extended.

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock. The Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 17, 1903.

The Conference opened at 2 p. m., Dr. W. H. Jordan in the chair by appointment.

A. C. Shepherd conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

REPORTS.

Reports of the following Committees were received and adopted: Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Hospitals, Sunday School and Tracts, Church Extension, Church Literature, State of the Church, Epworth League, Auditing Treasurer's Accounts, Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts, Temperance, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Education, Board of Stewards, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Sabbath Observance, Visitors Dakota University.

RE-AFFIRMED.

The Rules for examination of undergraduates were re-affirmed.

Voted that the names and addresses of undergraduates be published in the Minutes following the Rules of Examinations.

CHURCH FEDERATION.

On motion the five Presiding Elders were elected to represent this Conference in the State Federation of Churches.

TEMPERANCE.

A. E. Carhart, J. O. Dobson, C. E. Hager and N. A. Swickard were elected to represent this Conference in the State Anti-Saloon League.

A. E. Carhart and O. A. Phillips were elected delegates to the National Anti-Saloon League.

Voted that it is the sense of this Conference that the General Conference should not modify or weaken former declarations made touching the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

MEMORIAL.

The Memorial to the General Conference published in the Minutes of 1903, relating to the establishment of a Connectional Fund for Conference Claimants, was read and adopted.

REPORTS.

The Secretary was authorized to edit all Reports.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

The published Minutes for the Quadrennium were made the official record of the Conference.

STATISTICS.

The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer read their reports which were accepted.

NOMINATIONS.

The nominations of the various boards by the Presiding Elders were elected.

The Standing Committees for 1904 were read and approved.

PUBLISHER.

G. T. Notson was elected publisher of the Minutes for 1904.

CLOSING.

The Conference voted to adjourn to 7 p. m., and announcement were made, the Doxology sung and W. F. Minty pronounced the Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 17, 1903.

Conference opened with Dr. W. H. Jordan in the chair. After singing Hymn 762, the Rev. A. Jamieson led in prayer.

Bishop Walden took the chair.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Bishop appointed Asa D. Thibadeau to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Wm. A. Cave as alternate.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR.

"*Who Are the Triers of Appeals?*" was taken up. Oliver Williams, Lachlin MacLean, W. D. Deeble, G. T. Notson, W. S. Shepherd, H. S. Wilkinson and T. H. Youngman were elected Triers of Appeals.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The Missionary Appropriations submitted by the Presiding Elders were approved.

The apportionment for Conference Claimants' Fund was fixed at \$2,500.

EXAMINERS.

W. H. Jordan, G. F. Hopkins and W. D. Deeble were appointed members of the Board of Examiners.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions read their report, which was adopted.

FRATERNAL ADDRESS.

The Rev. J. Y. Montague, fraternal representative of the Baptist State Convention, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, it was voted that the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*, after reading of the appointments on Sunday evening.

FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY, October 18, 1903.

The Conference convened in a Memorial and Ordination Session at 3 p. m., Bishop Walden presiding. The Rev. John W. Taylor led in prayer. Hymn 979 was sung. The following Memoirs were read: Hiram S. Coon, by S. A. Chappell; Colin T. Cooper, by Allen C. McLean; Mrs. A. E. Carhart by T. H. Youngman.

An address was delivered by E. P. Hall on the death of Geo. H. Parker, also tributes to characters of Bros. Coon and Cooper, and Sister Carhart were paid by Presiding Elders Rifenbark, Dobson and Hager.

The classes for ordination as Deacons and Elders were called forward and after an address by the Bishop were ordained.

At 9 p. m. the Conference re-convened to receive the appointments from the Bishop.

C. B. CLARK.

A letter of greeting from the Rev. C. B. Clark, D. D., Superintendent of the Black Hills Mission, was read.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, and after reading the appointments, the Conference joined in singing Hymn 822, and after prayer and the Benediction by the Bishop the Conference stood adjourned.

JOHN M. WALDEN, Presiding Bishop.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

I hereby Certify the above is a correct copy of the Minutes of Dakota Conference in session at Aberdeen, So. Dak., October 14-18, 1903.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

This Certifies that in Aberdeen, S. Dak., on October 18th, 1903, I did Ordain as Deacons Orlow M. Hyde, Lyndon V. Slocumb, David E. Murray, Paul H. MacBeth, Henry Preston, Benjamin F. Stiles, and Clark L. Cone.

And that in the same place and on the same day, I, assisted by a number of Elders present, did ordain as Elders Edgar E. Saxton, Isaac B. Sevey, William C. Ehlers, William A. Cave and Charles O. Walker.

Given under my hand this Eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1903.

John M. Walden.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Thomas Nicholson, from Upper Iowa Conference; John H. Vogt, from Missouri Conference; Geo. S. Parker, from Minnesota Conference; *Geo. E. Webster*, from Vermont Conference; *Gordon L. Granger*, from Wyoming Conference; W. E. Shugg, from Central New York Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Jehu C. Bigelow, John Jones, John H. Kearton, LeRoy R. Keckler, Walter S. Scott, Sidney H. Shurtleff.—6.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Gordon L. Granger, Robert E. Tarleton.—2.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—James Crowther, Horace L. Hastings, Allen C. McLean, Wm. Mason, John E. McKinney, Hudson W. Smith, Riley J. Van Der Voort, Arthur M. Ward, Parley H. Weston.—9.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—Asa D. Thibadeau, Hall K. Wallis.—2.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—Orlow M. Hyde, Paul H. MacBeth, David E. Murray, Henry Preston, Lyndon V. Slocumb, Benj. F. Stiles.—6.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—Otis W. Butterfield, Henry I. Farr.—2.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—Otis W. Butterfield, Henry I. Farr, Orlow M. Hyde, Paul H. MacBeth, David E. Murray, Henry Preston, Lyndon V. Slocumb, Benj. F. Stiles.—8.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—Richard H. Dempsey, Perry S. Ingersoll, Henry F. Knight, Charles E. Logsdon.—4.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Pierce O. Bunt, Orien E. Boyce, Frederick F. Case, Wm. A.

Greene, Wm. O. Gram, David S. Kerr, Benj. W. McEldowney, Wm. P. Slocum, Geo. E. Webster.—9.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Wm. A. Cave, Wm. C. Ehlers, Edgar E. Saxton, Isaac B. Sevey, Charles O. Walker.—5.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—Clark L. Cone.—1.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.

(b). UNDER MISSIONARY RULE—None.

13. *Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?*

This was done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

J. C. Harvey to Columbia River Conference; John Lewtas to Puget Sound Conference; A. S. Mason to North Dakota Conference; J. C. DuVal to West Wisconsin Conference; J. D. Allison to Minnesota Conference.—5.

15. *Who have Died?*

Hiram S. Coon, Colin T. Cooper, Geo. H. Parker.

16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?*

Frank Baker.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Wm. H. Cory, Perry S. Ingersoll, Henry F. Knight, Frank C. McDuffee, M. E. Nickerson, Isaac P. Potter, Walter B. Redburn, Thomas Simmons, Alum B. Tanner.—9.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

D. W. Chamberlain, Lewis Hartsough, S. F. Brown, J. G. Hall, Sanford Washburn, T. H. Walker, Thomas Wilkinson, W. O. Gram, H. M. Springer, Wm. Underwood.—10.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*
Archibald Jamieson, Oliver Williams, Lachlin MacLean, W. D. Deeble, G. T. Notson, T. H. Youngman, W. S. Shepherd.
25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*
See Statistical Tables.
26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*
\$19,870.
27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
\$2,500.
28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*
\$1,675. Distributed to Conference Claimants.
29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
See Appointments.
30. *Where shall the Next Conference be Held?*
Mitchell.

APPOINTMENTS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—1903.

5 E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

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| 1 Aberdeen, J. W. Taylor. | 2 Devoe, F. L. Bromaghin. |
| 1 Andover, E. C. Grimshaw (Sup.) | 1 Doland, Frank Fox. |
| 2 Ashton, L. V. Slocumb. | 2 Frederick, A. M. Ward. |
| 1 Bath and Columbia, F. J. Norton. | 2 Groton, O. W. Butterfield. |
| 1 Bowdle, L. A. McCulloch (Sup.) | 1 Hecla, N. S. Wilson (Sup.) |
| 4 Britton, W. D. Deeble. | 2 Langford, C. O. Walker. |
| 2 Bristol, B. W. McElDowney. | 1 Mellette, R. E. Tarleton. |
| Butler, to be supplied. | 1 Northville, J. E. Norvell. |
| 1 Claremont, E. P. Machemer (Sup.) | 1 Selby and Bangor, N. P. Johnson. |
| 1 Conde, L. W. Putnam (Sup.) | 2 Warner, E. E. Dean. |

P. H. Weston, Member Devoe Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend some one of our Schools.

HURON DISTRICT—1903.

3 J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder, Huron, S. Dak.

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| 1 Alpena, P. O. Bunt. | 1 Iroquois, J. T. Gurney. |
| 1 Blunt and Onida, C. L. Cone (Sup.) | Lebanon, to be supplied. |
| 1 Burdette, A. L. Cathers (Sup.) | 1 Miller, D. E. Murray. |
| 1 Cavour, S. M. Davis (Sup.) | 1 Okobojo, R. H. Dempsey. |
| 2 DeSmet, Henry Preston. | 3 Pierre, G. T. Notson. |
| 1 Faulkton, P. H. MacBeth. | 2 Redfield, A. D. Thibadeau. |
| Forest City, to be supplied. | 2 Tulare, O. A. Phillips. |
| Fort Pierre, to be supplied. | 1 Wessington, A. C. MacLean. |
| 2 Gettysburg, W. F. Arnold, (Sup.) | 5 Wessington Springs, G. D. Brown. |
| 1 Highmore, B. F. Stiles. | Winthrop, to be supplied. |
| 2 Hitchcock, O. A. Phillips. | 1 Wolsey, J. H. Vogt. |
| 1 Huron, T. H. Youngman. | |

C. B. Clark, Superintendent Black Hills Mission.

Martin Thomas and John Hall, Missionaries in Black Hills Mission.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—1903.

6 C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder, Mitchell, S. Dak.

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| 1 Alexandria, E. S. Chappell. | 1 Mitchell, H. S. Wilkinson. |
| 2 Armour, Oliver Williams. | 1 Mitchell Ct., C. T. McCoy (Sup.) |
| 2 Artesian, E. E. Saxton. | 1 Mt. Vernon, Lachlin MacLean. |
| 1 Bard, J. A. McDonald (Sup.) | 2 Parkston and Ethan, James Crow- |
| 1 Bridgewater, L. A. McDonald (Sup.) | ther. |
| 1 Canistota, I. B. Sevy. | 4 Plankinton, A. P. Janes. |
| 4 Chamberlain, J. C. Baker (Sup.) | 2 Platte, W. A. Greene. |
| 1 Chandler and LaRoche, C. S. Royse. | 1 Salem, S. J. Watson. |
| (Sup.) | 2 Scotland, A. W. Thurston. |
| 1 Fairfax, W. S. Scott. | 1 Springfield, G. E. Webster. |
| 2 Fulton, William Mason. | 1 Springfield, G. E. Webster. |
| 3 Geddes, W. W. Havens (Sup.) | 2 Tyndall, E. T. Underwood (Sup.) |
| 2 Howard, John Kaye | 1 Wagner, G. J. Corwin. |
| Kimball To be supplied. | 2 White Lake, W. P. Slocum. |
| 1 Letcher, Ernest Holgate, (Sup.) | 3 Woonsocket, F. F. Case. |
| Lyman County, (P. O. Oacoma.) | |
| To be supplied. | |

Thomas Nicholson, President; W. I. Graham, Vice President and Professor; J. C. Bigelow, Field Secretary of Dakota University, members Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT—1903.

3 J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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| 1 Alcester, F. T. Nicholls. | 3 Hartford, W. O. Redfield. |
| 1 Ben Clare, supplied by John Oakley. | 1 Hudson, Wm. Bartle. (Sup.) |
| 4 Beresford, Archibald Jamieson. | 1 Hurley, G. L. Granger. |
| 1 Burbank, Lewis M. Bussey, (Sup.) | 1 Irene, L. R. Keckler. |
| 1 Canton, N. A. Swickard. | 4 Lennox, H. P. Eberhart (Sup.) |
| 2 Centerville, W. B. Stewart. | 2 Madison, G. S. Parker. |
| 2 Colman, John Jones. | 1 Marion, C. W. Murr (Sup.) |
| 1 Colton, W. E. Shugg. | 1 Montrose, A. E. Carhart. |
| 4 Dell Rapids, R. B. Beavis. | 2 Parker, J. B. Dibble. |
| 2 Egan, D. S. Kerr. | Sioux Falls— |
| 3 Elk Point, W. F. Minty. | 9 First Church, W. H. Jordan. |
| 1 Flandraeu, W. A. Cave. | 2 Jordan Church, S. T. Weaver. |
| 9 Flandraeu Ct., D. C. Arms (Sup.) | 1 Vermillion, A. C. Shepherd. |
| 1 Garretson, H. W. Smith. | 1 Wakonda, R. J. Van Der Voort. |
| 1 Gayville, H. L. Hastings. | 1 Worthing, L. W. Scott, (Sup.) |
| 2 Harrisburg, S. H. Shurtleff. | 2 Yankton, G. W. Rosenberry. |

H. I. Farr, Missionary in Arizona.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—1903.

6 DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder, Watertown, S. Dak.

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| 3 Arlington, A. M. Harkness (Sup.) | 4 Henry, W. C. Ehlers. |
| 2 Aurora and Bruce, P. H. Shepersky. | 1 Kampeska, Wm. Wellington (Sup.) |
| (Sup.) | 4 Lake Preston, L. W. Darling (Sup.) |
| 3 Big Stone City, O. E. Boyce. | 1 Milbank, S. A. Chappell. |
| 2 Bradley, Wm. Barrie. (Sup.) | 6 Sisseton, L. L. Lane. |
| 1 Brookings, G. F. Hopkins. | 1 Summlt, D. C. MacLean. |
| Castlewood, to be supplied. | 1 Vienna, J. T. Allen, (Sup.) |
| 2 Clark, W. L. Meinzer. | 2 Watertown, W. S. Shepherd. |
| 1 Clear Lake, E. E. Simmons. | 4 Waubey, L. L. Layne (Sup.) |
| 2 Corona and Wilmot, C. E. Logsdon. | 6 Webster, J. S. Harkness. |
| 2 Garden City, S. E. Boselly (Sup.) | 2 White, Thomas Sanderson. |
| 1 Gary, H. K. Wallis. | White Rock, to be supplied. |
| 2 Hazel, O. M. Hyde. | 2 Willow Lake, E. M. Isaac (Sup.) |

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

- Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 3 p. m.—Conference Missionary Sermon, Rev. J. W. Taylor.
- Wednesday, Oct. 14, 4 p. m.—W. F. M. S. Anniversary, Mrs. L. P. Hauser, Chairman, Addresses by Mrs. Walker, of Sioux Falls, and Miss Clara Martin, of Penang, Malaysia.
- Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 8 p. m.—Missionary Anniversary, Rev. Dr. Swickard, Chairman. Address by Rev. Dr. Robinson, of North India Conference.
- Thursday, Oct. 16th, 3 p. m.—Semi-Centennial Sermon, Rev. Wm. Underwood, of White Lake, S. Dak.
- Thursday, Oct. 15th, 8 p. m.—Board of Church Extension Anniversary, Rev. G. S. Parker, Chairman. Address by Rev. Dr. Forbes, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.
- Friday, Oct. 16th, 4 p. m.—Temperance Anniversary, Rev. A. E. Carhart, Chairman. Addresses by Rev. H. S. Wilkinson and Rev. G. T. Notson.
- Friday, Oct. 16th, 3 p. m.—Epworth League Conference, Rev. L. V. Slocumb, Chairman. Address, Rev. Dr. N. A. Swickard.
- Friday, Oct. 16, 8 p. m.—Educational Anniversary, Dr. W. H. Jordan, Chairman. Address by Rev. Dr. Thomas Nicholson, President Dakota University.
- Saturday, Oct. 17th, 8 p. m.—Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Lecture on Africa by Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D.
- Sunday, Oct. 18th, 9 a. m.—Conference Love Feast, led by Rev. C. E. Hager.
- Sunday, Oct. 18th, 10:30 a. m.—Conference Sermon by Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D.
- Sunday, Oct. 18th, 3 p. m.—Memorial Service, Rev. A. Jamieson, Chairman, Memoir of Mrs. A. E. Carhart by Rev. Dr. Youngman, and Rev. C. E. Hager; Memoir of Rev. H. S. Coon, by Rev. S. A. Chappell, and Rev. D. Rifenbark; Memoir of Rev. C. T. Cooper, by Rev. A. C. McLean, and Dr. J. O. Dobson; Memoir of Rev. G. H. Parker, by Dr. E. P. Hall.
- Sunday, Oct. 18, 4 p. m.—Ordination of Deacons and Elders, Bishop John M. Walden, D. D. LL. D.
- Sunday, Oct. 18th, 7:30 p. m.—Epworth League Anniversary, Dr. N. A. Swickard, Chairman. Addresses by Rev. David E. Murray and Dr. Thomas Nicholson.
- An Evangelistic Round Table was held at 4 o'clock on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Carlyle tells us that if you cannot realize your ideal you must idealize the real. The beginning of a Conference year is ideal and prophetic. Its close presents the real, the abiding, the fulfillment.

One year since the thought of every preacher on this District was, that the church they were permitted to serve, should be vital with the rich red blood of an intense and consecrated life, that thoughtful benevolence should be stimulated, and the visible Kingdom of God on earth should not suffer compromise or defeat. The ideal was glorious. We now come, not with exultant boastful shouts, but with sober hopeful faith to this milestone in the itinerant's journey, saying hitherto God hath led us and while the way has been difficult it has been a blessed way.

Material improvement has been made in several charges. A new parsonage at Ashton costing \$1,500 was finished in June and the pastor took a vacation and moved into new quarters. An outlay of \$1,000 has been made at Aberdeen in painting the church, in providing more substantial walks and minor improvements. All the material improvements have been made at Andover, except a parsonage. An addition to the parsonage at Bowdle makes a comfortable home for the pastor who is beloved by his people. The church at Britton looks like new with its new paint and paper, but the people desire the old pastor for the fourth year. Not a little improvement has been made on both church and parsonage. A lighting plant was placed in the church at Langford and improvements on church property on the circuit amounting to \$500. Mound City and Herreid are passing through the agony of church removal from the country side to the railroad town. A new heating plant was put in the basement of the church at Leola. Many minor improvements have been made that have not been mentioned.

Under the leadership of Brother S. E. Morris, a very successful country Sunday School Convention was held at Frankfort in September.

The ministerial association held at Groton in May, was very helpful. The District has responded nobly to the call for the Memorial building. Prairieville, a country point on the Northville circuit, giving \$750, and the District as a whole have subscribed about \$3,500. The various benevolences have been presented on all the Charges, and the apportionments will be met in full. A dollar a mem-

ber for missions started on the Huron District, has been the word on our lips this year. The plea that we have so many heathen at home that we cannot give to Foreign Missions grows more cheap and shameful every year. It is like the murderer of his father pleading with the judge to have pity on his orphanhood. A little over two dollars was given per member last year to the benevolences of the church from the Aberdeen District. We trust it may exceed that amount this year.

Evangelistic services have been held in many of the places during the year with some success. The District tent was used at Langford, Britton and Northville, with good results. Evangelist Rowley and wife assisted the pastors at Langford and Britton. At Leola, a little place twenty miles from the railroad, fifteen adult persons have professed conversion and united with the church. The pastor sweeps a wide circuit in the summer months to take the gospel to those who are hungry for the bread of life. Quite a large number have been added to the membership of the church at Aberdeen. The greatest need of all, that for lack of which the church suffers, and for which the servants of God agonize, is the power of pentecost and the tongues of fire. It will be little thought of and of less worth as we look out of *Times'* window into Eternity, who had the corner seats of the Conference or who were the chosen few called to serve the church where responsibility is eagerly sought.

For the first time in four years, we are called to record the passing from our midst a brother in the ministry. Brother George H. Parker answers "present" to the roll call of Heaven. Only a few days ago, September 16th, just when the hands of life's clock as well as time's, pointed to the zenith, he fell asleep, and when night-fall came, the mortal eyes had ceased to see the glamor of material things, for God had granted wider visions. For eight years he labored in hard fields without complaint. God in mercy and for service has spared the lives of all others of our number, and their families.

We would not speak of the weary miles traveled or hardships undergone in the presence of pastors whose journeys have been more arduous and possibly more irksome. All toil though animated by finite love alone, becomes sweet. Who then can measure or tell the joy of successful work when impelled by the infinite love of God.

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder.

HURON DISTRICT.

It is with feelings of the deepest responsibility and reverence that I present to you my fellow laborers in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, this another annual report of the work committed to my care as a Presiding Elder in the Methodist Episcopal church.

The best of all is, God has been with us and I am able to re-

port by his grace that portion of the battle line assigned to my command going on conquering and to conquer. Every preacher has something encouraging to report, some more, and some less, as is always the case, would to God it were more in every case, the need is so great. First of all, we are most happy to be able to report that we have advanced about \$150.00 on our missionary collections of last year, this will bring us up to an average of over \$1.00 per member for missions, I would to God we could make it \$2.00, what an example it would be to the church and what a blessing to the District. The church at DeSmet raised \$2.58 a member, and the church at Redfield \$2.50 per member for missions. Two dollars per member is not an idle dream, it is as reachable as the "Evangelization of the world in this generation," and must in the nature of the case, come before it. Would to God we had courage to attempt it and grace to do it. "My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary."

Something is to be placed to the credit of the District in the direction of legislation. The passage of our most excellent law against houses of prostitution, the excellent law for the protection of the Sabbath, and the re-enactment of the very excellent liquor law of 1897, were measures promoted by our brethren, notable among our workers were H. S. Wilkinson of Huron, and G. T. Notson of Pierre.

In the line of improvements begun, completed and projected, may be mentioned the new parsonage at Pierre, costing \$2,600, with improvements on the church amounting to \$600. The church at Highmore re-decorated, and the debt on the parsonage subscribed. At Miller the interior of the church was decorated, also at St. Lawrence on the Miller charge. At Wessington \$125 was paid on the parsonage debt. At Wolsey a fund for a new parsonage was started, and at Virgil a good subscription for a new church was secured. At Alpena new property was bought and some improvements made on both church and parsonage properties. At Wessington Springs, after many and vexatious delays the new church was completed at a cost of \$6,000 and dedicated free of debt in a blaze of glory. Huron spent \$350 in repairs upon its church building. Iroquois painted up, and saved up till now new pews are in sight. Cavour sealed up its walls and greatly improved in appearance and comfort. De Smet painted both church and parsonage. Tulare has a new \$2,500 church ready for dedication. Hitchcock is planning to enlarge its old parsonage. Gettysburg is moving towards a new church to replace the old one blown away years ago by a cyclone. Seneca is in the first stages of a church building effort. Carpenter dedicated a beautiful country church all paid for. Faulkton purchased a comfortable parsonage. Redfield enlarged its parsonage and is constructing an elegant new \$12,000 edifice. So much for material improvements.

Some good revival meetings were held and a goodly number of conversions are to be reported. We should have a thousand conversions next year on the Huron District.

A large number of \$100 and \$150 subscriptions were secured for Dakota University. The District is also pledged for \$1,000 additional for the new building, and a good part of it is raised.

Upon the whole the health of our men and their families has been good. In only one case did death enter a parsonage home. In August our beloved brother C. T. Cooper of Faulkton, was stricken with typhoid fever, and died leaving a very helpless and desolate family. Every thing that Christian love and generosity could do was done for the bereaved family. Subscriptions were raised to pay debts to provide passage money back to England, and something over to put out at interest for the permanent maintenance of the family. With devout thankfulness to Almighty God this brief report is submitted.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

One of the most testing experiences an officer of the church in our state could have this year, would be reporting failure in any department of the work of the Kingdom of Christ. Rich returns have come to the husbandman, furnishing means abundant for all legitimate purposes, especially since prevailing prices for all the products of the farm are good, making it not presumptuous to think that all good causes would be abundantly sustained. In pursuance of such unparalleled prosperity it would be both painful and humiliating to report a failing church. Most grateful are we that the records of progress made by our great church on this territory is not less than the marvelous development of the state. Improvements of some sort have been made on nearly every charge of the District. Beginning with Alexandria, I will state the case in as few words as possible. Last year at this point the pastor gave in as the value of church and parsonage property \$2,700, this year \$7,500. A \$5,500 church has been built this year, and improvements on parsonage were made. Brother Chappell and his wife led heroically in this enterprise, they are to be congratulated on the magnificent work done on this charge during their term of three years, a new church and parsonage have been built and paid for and large numbers have been added to the church membership. Scotland, Armour, Bridgewater, Fulton, Tripp, Canistota, Howard, Geddes, Letcher, Springfield and Ethan, have either reduced debts or made improvements, ranging from one hundred to three or four hundred dollars. Chamberlain suffered from a destructive fire during the winter, nearly ruining their beautiful new church, but without stopping to mourn, the people under the wise generalship of Pastor J. C. Baker, went forward making the church better than ever, by placing fine opera chairs in the auditorium, putting in a new furnace, improving parsonage property to the amount of \$643 above the insurance.

A new church has been completed and dedicated at Tory Lake on Platte Charge. Here we had less than ten members to begin with last year, now we have many heads of families, a building worth \$1,600, all paid for, and a most hopeful outlook. Platte itself has built a new parsonage, costing \$1,300, with but a small debt standing against the building. Hon. J. H. Close deserves great credit for self-sacrificing work done to secure the church at Tory Lake, and Pastor Greene most judiciously managed the parsonage enterprise at Platte. Two other churches on the District are nearing completion, the first at La Roche, costing about \$2,200, which, when finished, will be the finest country church on the District. The other is at Fairfax, costing about \$1,800. This is our only church across the Big Muddy. G. J. Corwin is pastor at this point. At Tyndall a \$5,000 or \$6,000 brick church is under way, which will be, when finished, the finest church building in that city. E. T. Underwood is pastor here. Artesian completed a \$1,600 parsonage in a few weeks to the great joy of Pastor E. E. Saxton. Plankinton is just finishing one of the most attractive parsonage homes in the Conference, when completed it will be worth \$2,000 though the cost will be quite below that as a result of Pastor A. P. Janes skillful management in purchasing material and securing concessions. His splendid official board and the Ladies' Aid seconded him in every thing. Our Mitchell Ladies' Aid has just completed a \$3,000 parsonage. This is a fine building, a credit every way to these ladies. It is thoroughly modern with all the latest appointments.

It appears to me that in these departments of church work we are not one whit behind the progress of the state. Our school should be mentioned here also, and more should be said than ever about this growing institution. This is the best day Dakota University has ever seen, enthusiasm characterizes the work of every department. Attendance is on the increase, and our beautiful Memorial Hall nears completion. With Dr. Thomas Nicholson as President, the man whom we would have chosen had all presidents been available—with Dr. W. I. Graham to give us the benefit of his long experience, and wise counsel—with very capable new men in the faculty—with a great state open to us, and strong friends on every side, what more could we ask? Money of course, and that will come by the hundred thousand before many years.

As to benevolences, we have done our best, but may meet with some disappointment, however, I think the showing will be good. Mitchell has done the greatest thing in its history on benevolences, lacking, I think but \$1 of a round \$1,000. I do not know how Dr. Youngman does it, but in his own wise way he gets these large amounts, and the people feel glad to give. Scotland, Plankinton, Bard, Platte, Tyndall, White Lake, Woonsocket, Howard and other points will bring in magnificent reports.

Our Epworth and Junior Leagues have done better than for years. At a number of points their growth and work have been most

gratifying. The Sunday School is doing more definite and satisfactory work than ever. Not all of them have been organized into Missionary Societies, but we are making progress in that direction.

I am pleased to report that we have had some genuine revivals on this District. Tyndall, Mitchell, Tory Lake, White Lake, Scotland, Woonsocket, Farwell, held special services with blessed results. At Alexandria the outcome was nothing short of glorious. Many were triumphantly saved. Nearly a half hundred will be added to our church, and a goodly number have or will unite with sister churches. Leading families were reached, and in some cases whole families were brought into the Kingdom.

Sickness has not been general in our pastors' homes, but has left some evidences of its presence. From the home of our loved brother, Carhart, the wife and mother was taken to the Heavenly country. She was greatly beloved, the ministry of her life was most beautiful. Unselfishly uncomplainingly, happily she lived, triumphantly she died. She is deeply missed by a wide circle of friends.

It is not important that I should speak of myself, I have done my work with joy and record the fact that strength has been given me to fill every appointment during the year. I have been kindly treated and cordially welcomed by all my brethren, all of whom have cheerfully co-operated with me in carrying out the plans of the District. Some day a beautiful story will be written of these devoted brothers and their wives. Nothing has been too costly to offer to their Heavenly King. Uncomplainingly, heroically, successfully they have wrought. A better Captain than I, a wiser Leader will say to them at last, "Well Done."

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

The year now closing has been laden with blessings for the Sioux Falls District. True it is, the crops have not been ideal, nor the weather since harvest favorable for threshing and moving them. We have soft corn but not as much as last year. We have had a superabundant rainfall, but it has not wrought the damage that cloud-bursts and floods have caused in portions of the east. Many of our people have lost heavily on cattle, also during the year, yet, I think the reports will show a generous increase in all benevolences, and average amount of building and improving, and salaries usually well paid.

There has been sickness, more or less serious in about eight of our parsonage families during the year, but no deaths. Two have been added to the cradle roll. One of our brethren has married.

Madison was promptly supplied with a pastor within ten days of adjournment of Conference, in the appointment by Bishop Goodsell, of George S. Parker of the Minnesota Conference. Willian Bartle, a local preacher from Iowa has been supplying the work at Marion to which John Lewtas was nominally appointed, awaiting

his transfer to the Puget Sound Conference. John Oakley, supply at Worthing, asked to be relieved in May and A. E. Carhart has had charge of this circuit since June. Early in September J. C. Du Val was transferred to the West Wisconsin Conference, and G. L. Granger from the Wyoming Conference returned to us and was promptly appointed to complete the year's work at Hurley. Aside from these changes the appointments have remained during the year as read and published.

The first Sunday in November our neat little church at Beresford was dedicated. February 8th the Rowena people subscribed enough to meet all claims against their new \$2,000 property and it was dedicated; and on the 14th of June the exact reproduction of the Rowena church was formally dedicated as the First M. E. Church of Harrisburg, and indeed the first church building ever erected in this growing little town. J. W. Taylor and D. S. Kerr assisted pastor and presiding elder upon this occasion. Our church at Rowena is also the only church building in the community and represents the only religious society. The ensuing Conference year will open with the dedication of a beautiful little church building at Valley Springs, October 25. This church was purchased from the Baptists of Beaver Creek, Minnesota, and moved about 8 miles to its present site. It is well finished and furnished and is worth \$2,000 as it now stands. Improvements have been so general that only passing notice can be given them. New parsonages at Hudson and at Egan costing about \$1,400 each; \$2,500 pipe organ placed in our church at Vermillion; \$1,000 improvements completed at Jordan church, Sioux Falls; \$1,050 at Centerville; new oak pews at Marion and at Lennox; \$200 furnace at Dell Rapids; \$200 in general improvements at Gayville; interior decorations at Colman and at Elk Point, and enlargement of our church at Wakonda.

The Lodi and Bloomingdale churches have cancelled their last dollar of obligation to the Church Extension Society.

Several charges have been blessed with excellent revivals during the year, with gratifying results in conversions and accessions, viz: Canton, Flandreau, Madison, Montrose, Egan, Hartford, and a perennial revival at Yankton where there have been 100 accessions to the church. Eighty-five were seekers at the altar at Flandreau and the church has never before been in such an excellent spiritual condition as now.

Union gospel meetings during May in Sioux Falls, under leadership of Evangelist M. B. Williams were a disappointment, largely chargeable to the very rainy weather. The same may be said of the State Holiness Camp Meeting held on Seney Island, Sioux Falls, in August.

One of the most notable movements of the year has been the Missionary Campaign. The inspiration of it began at the Cleveland Convention, where three members of the District were present.

The five presiding elders of the Conference were there and conservatively pledged \$1,000 increase for the Conference. This district was thoroughly organized, straightway, into five campaigning groups with a chairman for each group and during the month previous the Easter meetings were held until each charge was visited by two or more speakers, and in some cases each point and the circuit and addresses and map-talks were given. Literature was circulated and a faithful personal canvass of each charge was made by the pastor until we are happy to report \$1 per member on the average for missions, which means \$1,000 increase on this District alone. Four thousand dollars have been realized, also, from the estate of Father Butler, Who was an honored member of our church at Canton, and it is now in the bank subject to order from the Missionary Society. I think the statistics will show that the other benevolences have not suffered from the special attention given to missions.

The Third Annual Epworth Assembly was held July 1-12 at Canton, and proved unusually successful.

The District meeting held at Hurley last fall was an excellent one and many of the plans there made for forward movements in District work have been carried out with gratifying results. The spring meeting was merged with the Mitchell District meeting into the Educational Convention held at Mitchell in May, and we fully believe that the results justified the combination.

Peace prevails throughout the District and fully two-thirds of the charges have asked for the return of their pastors.

The following new work has been organized: Four Sunday Schools, 1 Epworth League, 2 Junior Leagues, 9 W. F. M. Societies, 9 Standard Bearer Societies, 2 King's Herald. Three new preaching places have been established. There will be one and possibly two new circuits for the new year.

In closing I wish to express my high and hearty appreciation of the faithful work done by the brethren of the District during the year, of the hearty welcome accorded me upon my quarterly visits, and for the loyal and enthusiastic support the brethren have given me in plans proposed and work accomplished.

May God's choicest blessings be upon the Ministry and membership of the Sioux Falls District.

J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Thanking God for the manifold blessings that have been bestowed in the administration of affairs in Watertown District. I make my fifth annual report.

PERSONAL—Scarcely had the Conference adjourned last fall when Brother H. S. Coon, who had been appointed to Kampeska Charge for the second year, passed to his reward after a sickness of

several weeks. With this exception, death has not invaded our ranks nor has serious sickness visited the preacher's homes, except in the case of Sister S. M. Davis, whose life was despaired of at one time. The homes of Bros. Boselly, Cave, Hyde and Darling have been gladdened by the advent of little children, the best boon of Heaven to a Christian home.

The work on the different charges has been carried forward with courage and success in most instances. I am glad to believe that Methodist preachers are not hirelings, and that if the churches fully appreciated their worth, they would often receive encouragement that would make them much stronger leaders. For shame on that church member that by severe criticism crushes the heart of an earnest man of God. "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm," saith the Lord.

SPIRITUAL WORK.—Revivals were held on most of the Charges during the winter season, the most far reaching in visible results, being at Big Stone. Bro. Boyce was strongly supported by the church. Rev. C. E. Rowley and wife, of Ohio, did excellent work as evangelists in sermon and song. Brother Lane of Sisseton was made glad because of the splendid victory at Peever, Brother Logsdon assisted him. Waubay was visited by an outpouring of the spirit. The church was much strengthened. Brother Layne was assisted by the Salvation Army. Milbank, Webster, Watertown, Bristol, Gary, Arlington, and Aurora held successful meetings. More than 6,000 pastoral calls have been reported. Faithful pastoral oversight must tell for righteousness. From pastors' reports at Quarterly Conferences the gain in membership from probation, and letters appear to be 204 and 121 probationers to be received. No doubt the reports will show a larger gain.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—Two new churches have been dedicated, Nicholson Lake, on the Henry Charge, and Waubay, White Rock church will be ready for dedication shortly after Conference. Brookings has adopted plans for a new church. Many of the churches have undergone improvements,, notably, Arlington enlarged, new pews put in; also a furnace. Lake Preston has put in carpet, painted and papered. White has newly papered and put in cement sidewalks. Hazel, papered, painted and put in new organ, \$180. Sisseton rebuilt foundation put in, steel walls, ceiling, also furnace. Vienna, puts in new pews. Willow Lake has painted the interior of building. A number of parsonages have improved, viz: Big Stone, kitchen and porch added, cost \$300. Gary has traded the old parsonage for one near the church, and will enlarge and improve property soon. Milbank sold the old parsonage, and bought another house, giving the pastor a much more comfortable home. Also bought lots south of church. Corona is building a new parsonage. Webster has paid \$544 on parsonage debt. Lake Preston has put on a fine addition, much to the comfort of the pastor's family.

BENEVOLENCE—Dr. Trimble, Field Missionary Secretary, was present with us at four sub-district Missionary Conventions, held at Brookings, Henry, Bristol and Milbank. These proved to be an inspiration to the pastors and people. The collections have generally been well looked after, and I am sure will show creditable gains. Apportionments for pastor's salaries are more than \$1,000 in advance of last year, and will with very few exceptions be paid in full.

I have not taken space to speak of each pastor and his work, let it suffice to say, that without exception, all have done well and are eminently worthy the confidence of the church. And I know that I am a better man because of the influence of these men of God.

DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

Your committee would emphasize the former deliverances of this Conference as to the value of education. We rejoice in the prosperity of our Universities, colleges and theological schools. Garrett Biblical Institute, the seminary in whose patronizing territory our Conference lies, is worthy of our confidence and our patronage, while Drew and Boston, our well equipped eastern institutions are also worthy of all praise. We cordially urge all our young men after completing a college course, to further complete their human preparation for an effective ministry by attending one of these theological schools wherever it can be made possible.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher education which is being accomplished for the church through the Board of Education and especially approve the emphasis laid upon educational excellence and genuine spirituality as the true ideal for our schools. We urge that Childrens' day be observed and that a collection be taken in every charge according to the discipline.

We commend the "Christian Student" to all our preachers and laymen as a valuable compendium of educational information and inspiration.

Believing that character, Christian faith and an evangelical spirit should direct and give greater potency to every educated person we call upon our people to give liberally of their wealth that our institutions may be equal to the best. Our Dakota University at Mitchell has been growing valuable and is giving such constantly increasing returns in sterling Christian manhood and womanhood as to justify an increased investment. Regarding it as a vital and indispensable part of our church work we summon our people to give it loyal and enthusiastic support.

We appreciate most highly the devotion of Dr. W. I. Graham to the work of developing this institution during the past ten years. We shall ever hold his loyal and efficient service in grateful remembrance. Inasmuch as Dr. Graham has voluntarily laid aside the work of the presidency, we heartily approve the action of the Board of Directors in calling to the responsible duties of the President's office Rev. Thomas Nicholson, D. D., of Cornell College, Iowa, and we bespeak for him the heartiest co-operation of all our ministers and our laymen in the arduous work of building up our beloved college.

The attendance at our conference college during the past year including the summer school was 400. The fall term opens auspiciously.

ously and with a slightly increased attendance. The income from all sources met all current expenses during the past year, notwithstanding the necessary expenditure of some \$1,500 for the repair of the buildings. There are no remnants of old debt. The financial statement is as follows: Balance on hand January 7th, 1903, \$1,282.96. General Fund received \$13,078.88. Estimated income for 1903-4, \$15,000. Estimated expenses for 1903-4, \$16,500.00.

The department of instruction is doing better work each year. The Christian sentiment is strong, more than fifty conversions of students resulted from special meetings at the church and through the Christian associations of the college. The quarterly Bulletin of the University already distributed to the members of the Conference gives full information as to the new instructors, the enlargements of the work and other features of the institution and it is hoped that you will give it a careful reading.

In view of the pressing needs of the University consequent upon the enlargement of its faculty and other approved and necessary additions to its expenses, we recommend that \$5,000 be apportioned to the charges of the Conference as the regular educational collection for the University for the ensuing year, and we urge that each pastor use all possible diligence and avail himself of every aid which the administration of the University can render in an effort to raise this apportionment in full on every charge that debts may be avoided and that the management may be unhampered in carrying on its excellent work.

Your committee notes here the election by the Conference of Nathan Noble, J. O. Dobson, T. H. Youngman, H. S. Mouser, as members of the Board of Directors for the coming year and recommends (1) as visitors to Dakota University A. D. Thibadeau, G. W. Rosenberry E. E. Saxton, L. V. Slocumb and S. J. Watson. (2) As visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, J. W. Taylor and G. T. Notson.

By arrangement consummated by the Executive Committee of the University and the President, the Vice President W. I. Graham, is to have the more immediate supervision of the completion of the Century Memorial Hall during the year. The full financial statement prepared by Dr. Graham at the request of the Conference is herewith appended and made a part of this report. The Field Secretary, Rev. J. C. Bigelow, will devote the most of his time and effort this year to the work of raising the funds necessary to complete and equip the building which will be a credit to the University and to the Conference when completed. We note with hearty approval the organization of a Layman's Association having as one of its objects some definite and valuable work for the University and consummated at this session of the Conference.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

H. S. WILKINSON, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following is a statement of the amounts subscribed and paid by each charge within the bounds of the Dakota Conference:

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Charges	Subscription	Paid	Charges	Subscription	Paid
Aberdeen	\$890.00	\$500.00	Groton	289.00	195.00
Andover	85.00	35.00	Hecla		
Ashton	49.00	29.00	Langford	126.00	2.00
Bath	275.95	142.45	Leola	50.00	
Bowdle & Roscoe..	563.70	8.70	Mellette		
Britton	151.00	73.80	Mound City	201.30	161.30
Claremont	66.00	66.00	Northville	887.94	334.69
Conde	67.00	61.00	Selby	93.50	88.50
Devoe	417.00	392.00	Warner	204.00	34.00
Doland	87.00	77.00			
Frederick	29.89	29.89			
				\$4,519.28	\$2,226.33

HURON DISTRICT.

Charges	Subscription	Paid	Charges	Subscription	Paid
Alpena	\$608.50	\$233.80	Lebanon	10.50	10.50
Blunt			Miller	457.00	66.00
Burdette	105.41	100.41	Okobojo	5.00	5.00
Cavour	51.00	36.00	Onida	11.00	11.00
DeSmet	194.99	116.99	Pierre	215.00	206.00
Faulkton			Redfield	855.00	230.00
Forest City			Wessington	100.00	50.00
Gettysburg	11.30	1.30	Wessington Springs	211.41	201.41
Highmore	218.00	25.00	Winthrop		
Hitchcock	74.00	29.00	Wolsey	101.55	101.55
Huron	631.00	485.80			
Iroquois	104.00	56.00			
				\$3,961.66	\$1,961.76

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Charges	Subscription	Paid	Charges	Subscription	Paid
Armour	\$394.30	\$394.30	Mt. Vernon	200.75	139.75
Alexandria	194.80	141.80	Parkston	111.00	71.00
Artesian	531.00	92.00	Plankinton	362.72	113.22
Bard	57.86	53.46	Platte	51.00	51.00
Bridgewater	7.90	2.90	Salem	363.50	105.50
Canistota .....	.50	.50	Scotland	768.00	124.50
Chamberlain			Springfield	25.00	25.00
Ethan	58.50	52.50	Tripp	201.00	181.00
Fulton	33.15	26.95	Tyndall	338.00	149.00
Geddes			White Lake	221.50	176.00
Howard	360.84	300.54	Woonsocket	90.97	80.97
Kimbball	110.00	52.00			
Chandler	72.00	72.00			
Letcher	10.00	5.00			
				\$4,556.29	\$2,403.89

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

Charges	Subscription	Paid	Charges	Subscription	Paid
Alcester	\$198.95	\$128.95	Hurley	104.00	77.00
Ben Clare	41.00	41.00	Lennox	99.50	58.58
Beresford	45.00	35.00	Lodi .....	.25	.25
Canton	445.50	225.50	Madison	310.00	310.00
Centerville	405.00	385.00	Marion	5.00	5.00
Colman	160.93	5.93	Montrose		
Colton	155.00	10.00	Parker	371.00	103.50
Dell Rapids	69.50	48.80	Sioux Falls—		
Egan	1.00	1.00	First Church ...	726.00	238.00
Elk Point			Jordan Church ..		
Flandreau	206.85	106.60	Vermillion	756.86	62.36
Garretson	245.00	105.00	Wakonda	7.00	7.00
Gayville	35.00	35.00	Worthing	35.00	13.00
Harrisburg	1.00	1.00	Yankton	67.50	27.50
Hartford	319.40	182.35			
Hudson	7.00	2.00			
				\$4,812.24	\$2,210.32

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Charges	Subscription	Paid	Charges	Subscription	Paid
Arlington	\$61.74	\$61.74	Lake Preston	64.95	14.95
Aurora	15.60	15.60	Milbank	410.95	368.95

Big Stone	327.00	212.00	Sisseton	109.25	84.25
Bradley	168.00	55.00	Summit	100.00	
Bristol	145.00	145.00	Watertown	708.98	368.98
Brookings	135.25	113.75	Waubay	7.90	7.90
Castlewood	336.23	64.23	Webster	422.75	410.75
Clark	504.77	4.77	White	94.00	94.00
Clear Lake	5.00	5.00	Willow Lakes	5.00	
Garden City	5.00	5.00	Willmot	19.10	19.10
Gary			White Rock	86.70	87.40
Hazel	2.67	2.67			
Henry	329.31	285.31		\$4,061.15	\$2,422.35
Kampeska	5.00	5.00			

TOTALS BY DISTRICTS.

District	Subscribed	Paid	Sioux Falls	4,812.24	2,210.32
Aberdeen	\$4,519.28	\$2,226.33	Watertown	4,061.15	2,422.35
Huron	3,961.66	1,961.76			
Mitchell	4,556.29	2,403.89		\$21,909.62	\$11,223.65

NOTE.

The above does not include the subscriptions made by the City of Mitchell and persons outside of the Conference. Owing to the fact that the building will necessarily cost more than the estimate made three years ago, much more will need to be raised in the Conference. The report shows many charges have not yet been reached, and many have given only a small amount. Many charges have done nobly, and these should encourage an earnest effort on all the charges. Let all remittances be made to W. I. Graham, Mitchell, S. Dak.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE VISITORS TO DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

Dakota University is located at Mitchell, S. Dak., in the midst of a very large and productive agricultural region. The population of this region is rapidly increasing and we believe the future of this school will reveal great things for Methodism.

We found an earnest and able faculty of thirteen members doing very efficient work. The closing days of class work, and the commencement exercises gave every proof of thorough and practical work on the part of faculty and students.

The different sexes of the student body are organized separately into interesting and helpful literary societies. They are also organized for, and are doing earnest and aggressive Christian work. We most heartily recommend this school to the young people of the state who desire to secure a college education, and parents who send their young people to this school need have no fear that their spiritual life will be neglected during their stay at the university.

The paramount need of the school at the present time is more room. The enrollment during the past year was about 335 and there is every reason to believe that the number of students may be increased as soon as there is room to accommodate them. The completion of Century Memorial Hall, now in course of construction, will largely remedy the need for more room. The library needs a larger room and more shelving. A better index system and a better classi-

fication of the books in the library would reduce the work of the librarian and save time for the students. The present physical and chemistry laboratories are far too small and the work demands more shelves and apparatus. The instructor in physical training is doing some excellent work, but a larger and better equipped gymnasium would greatly help him in his work. We would also recommend more and better fire escapes for the main building.

Notwithstanding the rapid growth of the school, and the great work it is doing, it is succeeding in keeping free from debt; but the completion of Century Memorial Hall, which is so much needed, demands that all subscriptions be paid as soon as possible, and that all interested in the future of the school co-operate in securing funds for this work.

The future life of the school would be greatly blessed if the friends of Methodism could secure for it a permanent endowment, and we most heartily recommend this cause to men of wealth as an opportunity for doing lasting good for Methodism and humanity.

J. W. TAYLOR, Chairman.

D. E. MURRAY, Secretary

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

We reaffirm our position of unalterable hostility to the liquor traffic. This traffic will cease when the voice of the church has sufficiently quickened the public conscience. It is encouraging to note that the appeal to conscience has led to the abolition of the army saloon and is daily widening the area of prohibition. The awakening of business interests to the importance of sobriety, is due to agitation of the liquor problem from the Christian point of view. But the Church is not accomplishing all it should. To some extent the natural enemies of the saloon foster divisions among themselves; too few seek unbiased information concerning the liquor problem and encourage agitation from the broadest point of view.

Our counsel is that Christian men should refuse ever to stain their hands by accepting gain even in the remotest way from this unholy traffic. They should seek to discourage the publication of liquor advertisements in daily publications patronized by them. They ought to interpret charitably the positions of any who are sincerely opposing the liquor traffic even if not fully approving the methods they recommend.

They should respond heartily to all reasonable efforts for the betterment of legislation and the election of anti-saloon men to office.

The churches of every community ought to be banded together for systematic agitation and pledge signing. We call renewed attention to the provisions of our Discipline for the formation of temperance societies in all our Sunday Schools. We pledge ourselves to

the fullest possible co-operation with the American Anti-Saloon League and its allied organizations in their efforts to secure the enactment of a law subjecting to the operation of the laws of the various states all liquors therein whether introduced in original packages or otherwise.

Your committee recommends that this Conference elect or appoint four of its members to serve upon the executive board of the Anti-Saloon League of South Dakota, and two who may represent it at the annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League, to be held in Washington, D. C., during December, 1903.

A. E. CARHART, Chairman.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

We note with pleasure the continued improvement in our Sunday School periodicals and lesson helps, which we commend to all our Sunday Schools as the best obtainable.

We recommend that a collection be taken in each congregation, and one collection in each Sunday School for the Sunday School Union.

We also recommend that greater attention be given to Sunday School work throughout our Conference and especially in the rural districts.

We desire to call special attention to the value of the Home Department. It has become an inspiration, a blessing, and a benediction to thousands.

The Tract Society of our church is circulating literature throughout the entire world. Every year it gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States alone, besides sending \$12,000 annually to our foreign missions for aid in publication and circulation of religious literature.

We recommend that the pastors of our Conference avail themselves more generally of the liberal offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every preacher who will make application can receive from the Society free, in the form of tracts, one-half of the last collection of his charge for the Tract Society.

Inasmuch as the Tract Society needs the sum of \$50,000 per annum to carry on its work, we urge that a collection be taken for this Society in all the churches during the year, that the usual offerings be more than doubled and that our support both morally and financially, be given to the efforts of this Society to spread Christian literature throughout the world.

E. E. DEAN, Chairman.

GORDON L. GRANGER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report :

RESOLVED, First, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father, for his bounteous goodness bestowed upon us as a Conference in the increased provisions for our spiritual and temporal needs during the year.

Second, That we acknowledge our gratitude to the pastor of this church and the City of Aberdeen for their kindness in so royally entertaining the members and visitors of Dakota Conference, and invoke the blessing of the Divine Master upon them.

Third, That we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the pastors and members of our sister churches in opening and inviting us into their churches as well as their homes, and bidding us welcome.

Fourth: That in the coming of our beloved Bishop, John M. Walden, his able presidency of our Conference, his strong and helpful addresses, he has been an inspiration and a benediction to all who have been privileged to hear him. And we shall hail him with delight should he be permitted to return to preside over this Conference again.

Fifth: That we were delighted with the presence of so many representatives of the various interests of the church, in the presence and inspiring addresses of Dr. D. D. Thompson, Editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, Rev. Dr. Robert Forbes, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Dr. J. C. Floyd, Field Secretary Missionary Society, and Rev. Dr. J. W. Robinson, one of our Missionaries from India. Also Mr. S. H. Pye, one of our Book Agents, whose setting forth of the facts of the marvelous prosperity of the Book Concern was an inspiration and a blessing.

Sixth: That the thanks of this Conference be given to our Secretaries, our Statistical Secretaries and our Treasurer and his Assistants, for their faithful services in the places assigned them. And pray the blessing of Almighty God upon all our efforts for the advancement of the Kingdom of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

OLIVER WILLIAMS, Chairman.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension has been for thirty-three years one of the most helpful sources for the extension of God's Kingdom in our church, in assisting to provide places of worship for thousands of congregations who otherwise would be churchless. When we consider its helpful assistance in the past and the great work that still remains to be done on our frontier, we earnestly pledge our hearty support in every phase of their work. J. B. DIBBLE, Chairman.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We recommend that out of the amount at the disposal of the Conference this year \$1,675 be appropriated to necessitous claimants, as follows:

Mrs. Hoadley	\$100.00
W. O. Gram	50.00
S. F. Brown	150.00
Wm. Underwood	150.00
H. M. Springer	100.00
J. G. Hall	250.00
Mrs. A. Burdick	100.00
Mrs. A. B. Curl	100.00
T. H. Walker	200.00
L. Hartsough	225.00
Thos. Wilkinson	100.00
Mrs. H. S. Coon	50.00
S. Washburn	100.00

Total\$1,675.00

O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

A. E. CARHART, Secretary.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

A very gratifying activity is manifest on the part of the laymen in the various phases of church enterprise. A revival of interest in the class meeting is considered strong evidence of a rising tide in spirituality. There is, however, a need of a positive faith in the preached word. A faith that will assure every pastor to expect conversions at every service. Such a faith as this on the part of preacher and members would certainly put to silence the criticism of a decline in the church. There is too great a tendency to rely on human agency and human methods rather than on the word and the Holy Ghost. Let this year be one characterized by a growing faith in the power of the word and the mission of the Holy Spirit and revivals with conversions will be numerous.

W. I. GRAHAM, Chairman.

J. S. HARKNESS, Secretary.

AUDITING PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts have examined the same and find them correct.

O. W. BUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

T. SANDERSON, Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League is still giving evidence of the wisdom of its founders. We rejoice in the almost uniform testimony given by pastors to the spirituality and fervor of its members, and the zeal with which they give themselves to the work of the church. We believe that the Epworth Herald has done much to bring this condition to pass and would urge upon our pastors and Leagues the duty of enlarging its subscription lists. We reiterate the advice of the committee of last year which recommended the holding of district conventions in each District, and believe the work will thus be greatly stimulated.

We are glad to note the increasing interest in systematic study of the Bible and Missions, and believe this presages a more intelligent devoted and missionary spirit.

We recommend that classes be formed in every League and that with the study of the Bible and missions there be combined the methods of personal work in soul winning.

H. S. WILKINSON, Chairman.

GEORGE F. HOPKINS, Secretary.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We note with satisfaction and commendation the action of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company in refusing to permit Sunday Excursions over their road in this state during the past summer. Also the action of the legislature in providing for the enforcement of laws relating to Sabbath Observance by attaching a penalty thereto. Whilst this is a sign of advancement still we are grieved at the continued desecration of the Sabbath by unnecessary business and pleasure. Therefore

RESOLVED, That we do all in our power to counteract the evil influences that tend to destroy the sacredness of the Christian Sabbath.

F. T. NICHOLLS, Chairman.

FRANK FOX, Secretary.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

We are rejoiced that the work done by this Society among the poor whites and the colored people of the South is meeting with such great success.

Be it RESOLVED, That we, as a Conference commend the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. That as pastors we promise to present the claims of said society by endeavoring to secure from our people the entire apportionment.

D. E. MURRAY, Chairman.

LACHLIN MACLEAN, Secretary.

HOSPITAL.

It is a source of great gratification to us to know that as the Methodist Episcopal Church advances she builds hospitals to minister to the physical necessities of the body. Especially are we gratified with the report of Asbury Hospital. The great demands made upon it by the afflicted public assures us of its efficiency, while the large place it occupies in the heart of Dakota Methodism assures us of its support.

Dakota Methodism in the past year sent more patients to its doors than any other Conference in its contributing territory, save Minnesota. Therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, That we as pastors, show our interest in this worthy cause by a more hearty co-operation, and that we hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to aid any representative sent in the interest of this Christian cause.

D. E. MURRAY, Chairman.

LACHLIN MACLEAN, Secretary.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your committee respectfully submit the following:

We commend to the attention of all our churches the publications of our Book Concern, believing that in quality and excellence they are unsurpassed. We believe that our pastors should use all their influence to have every home supplied with at least one of our church publications.

We deprecate the habit fallen into by some of our churches of using outside or independent publications in the Sunday Schools, we believe that every Methodist Sunday School should be supplied with Methodist literature.

W. F. MINTY, Chairman.

W. A. CAVE, Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

That the importance of the work of this Society is growing upon the people is seen in the gratifying results in our Conference the past year, there are reported 62 auxiliaries, 852 members, 32 Young People's Societies, and 24 Children's Societies. This is a splendid increase over last year. There was raised \$2,330.00, the largest amount in the history of our Conference. We heartily approve the provisions made for a Conference organizer, and assure her a cordial welcome and hearty support whenever she may visit our charges.

CHAS. O. WALKER, Chairman.

D. S. KERR, Secretary.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Realizing that there is great need of aggressive Christian work among the poor and foreign population of our great cities, and also in our new possessions and frontier settlements, and that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has entered these needy fields and is accomplishing a great work for God and the church. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we herewith express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of their noble work and pledge them our hearty support whenever possible.

W. O. REDFIELD, Chairman.

W. B. STEWART, Secretary.

AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

We, your Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts, beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. DEEBLE, Chairman.

H. S. WILKINSON, Secretary.

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE 1904.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Dakota Annual Conference, do hereby memorialize the General Conference of the M. E. church of the year 1904, to make all necessary arrangements to establish a Connectional Conference Claimant's Fund Society, which shall administer all funds obtained by collections, subscriptions, bequests, legacies, or other means, so that each and all Conference Claimants of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall receive annual allowances according to a fixed graded scale proportionate to the number of years spent in the active work of the ministry of our church.

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

Date	Place	President	Members	Secretary
Sept., 1880	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1050	..Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881	Sioux Falls	Bishop Hurst	1366	..Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882	Parker	Bishop Merrill	1504	..Wm. McCready
Oct., 1883	Huron	Bishop Simpson	2782	....D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884	Mitchell	Bishop Andrews	4469	....D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885	Blunt	Bishop Foss	5209	....A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886	Watertown	Bishop Bowman	6565	....A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887	Aberdeen	Bishop Fowler	8225	....A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888	Yankton	Bishop Walden	9474	....A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889	Huron	Bishop Vincent	10526	....W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890	Mitchell	Bishop FitzGerald	9663	....G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891	Sioux Falls	Bishop Foss	9006	....A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	9170	....A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1893	Brookings	Bishop Niede	9749	....G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894	Watertown	Bishop Fowler	10094	....G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895	Aberdeen	Bishop Joyce	9510	....C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896	Vermillion	Bishop Vincent	9335	....J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897	Mitchell	Bishop Warren	9009	....J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1898	Parker	Bishop McCabe	10429	....J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899	Huron	Bishop Hurst	10960	....J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1900	Sioux Falls	Bishop Merrill	11324	....G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901	Milbank	Bishop Foss	11430	....G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	11187	....G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903	Aberdeen	Bishop Walden	11440	....G. T. Notson

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

Name	Place of Death	Time of Death.	Age.	Years in Ministry.	Conference Relation
John M. Rust	Vermillion, Dakota...	1871	41	15	..... Effective
Thomas S. Williams..	Bridgewater, Dakota..	1882	50	24	..... Effective
Wm. H. Hoadley	Huron, Dakota	1886	51	16	..... Supernumerary
T. S. Hunt	Aurora, Indiana	1887	57	16	..... Effective
Wm. H. Affleck	Leeds, England	1887	76	...	..... Effective
Wm. Vivian	San Fernando, Cal. ...	1888	45	8	..... Supernumerary
Chas. B. Gilbert .....	.....	1889	...	...	..... Effective
Stanley S. Smith .....	.....	1889	...	...	..... Effective
Ira A. Sparks	Armour, S. Dak.	1894	29	9	..... Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown ..	Thomasburg, Ontario..	1894	32	6	..... Supernumerary
Geo. B. Dodd	Colman, S. Dak.	1895	36	2	..... Probationer
A. R. Boggs	Mitchell, S. Dak.	1899	64	29	..... Superannuate
Oliver H. Sproul	Northville, S. Dak. ...	1899	53	26	..... Effective
Francis A. Burdick ..	Unlverslty Place, Neb.	1900	48	23	..... Superannuate
H. T. Curl	Oakland, California...	1901	60	33	..... Superannuate
Hiram S. Coon	Kampeska, S. Dak. ...	1902	45	6	..... Effective
Collin T. Cooper	Faulkton, S. Dak.	1903	35	4	..... Effective
Geo. H. Parker	Andover, S. Dak.	1903	35	8	..... Effective

PLANS AND RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS, IN THE CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY, ADOPTED BY DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

I—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Board of Examiners of the Dakota Conference shall consist of twelve members, who shall be nominated by the Cabinet, and appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

The Board shall be divided into four classes, of three members each, whose term of service shall, at the first appointment, be for one two, three and four years respectively, and thereafter for four successively; each Examiner being eligible for successive re-appointment.

Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Chairman of the Board, until the ensuing Annual Conference, when appointments shall be made as for full terms.

All appointments of Examiners are to be made, if possible, as early as the third day of each Annual Conference session.

2—OFFICERS.

The Board shall organize by electing from its members, annually, at its first regular meeting, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of these officers.

The work of the Secretary shall also include the keeping of a permanent book record of the standing and credits of all candidates subject to examination by the Board; and he shall report the same to the Conference when required. This record shall also contain the credits allowed candidates for work done in our literary and theological schools.

3—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall have authority, under direction of the Board, to select the place and fix the date of the mid-year meeting, arrange the literary and religious program in connection with the same, and attend to all general matters of business in the intervals between Board meetings.

4—REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Board of Examiners shall hold three regular meetings each year, as follows:

1. At the seat of the Annual Conference, before the close of the annual session, if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the election of officers and the assignment of work for the year.

At this meeting the various examinations, and other work in connection therewith should be assigned definitely to the several members of the Board; a schedule of the studies and subjects in the courses, with the names of Examiners and the times of examination, should be prepared for publication in the Conference Minutes, or otherwise, and general plans outlined for the mid-year meeting of the Board.

2. A mid-year meeting, to be held in the month of May of each year, the session not to continue longer than four days, usually from Tuesday to Friday, inclusive; the first two days being devoted mainly to special reviews, the last two mainly to examinations.

All undergraduates, and, as far as possible, all candidates for admission to the Conference, and all local preachers who are candidates for orders, are required to attend this mid-year meeting, unless excused from attendance, for adequate cause, by the Chairman of the Board.

At this meeting examinations shall be conducted on at least one-half of the books or subjects on which examinations are to be conducted during the year.

It is expected that special lectures and other literary and religious exercises will be provided in connection with the regular work of the session, for the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance.

In place of the mid-year meeting the Board may, at its option, provide for mid-year examinations at District meetings.

3. The Board of Examiners shall also convene at the seat of the Annual Conference, each year, the day before the Conference session begins, to review and complete the work of the year, and especially to conclude the examination of all candidates in the courses of study related to the work of that year. All examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.

5—SYSTEMATIC STUDY.

It shall be one duty of the Board to secure more systematic work among the undergraduates in the four-years' course of study—a duty not less important than to provide for more careful examinations. Therefore, as far as is practicable, the Examiners shall give to the under-graduates and others suggestions and instructions with reference to proper and profitable study of the books and subjects in all the required courses.

6—QUESTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

As a rule, all examinations shall be in writing.

All candidates in the same class, who are examined at the same time, shall be tested by the same questions.

A list of not fewer than ten questions shall be prepared on each book or subject assigned for examination.

In the case of all candidates for "admission on trial," the Board is instructed to examine first in the "Elementary English Branches," and if the candidate fails to pass in these with reasonable credit, other examinations shall be postponed; and he shall be required to bring

up these studies before he is admitted to examination in others.

In case of the unavoidable absence from the meetings of the Board of any Examiner, he shall forward his list of questions to the Chairman, who will arrange for supervision of the examinations.

7—SYLLABI AND OTHER PAPERS.

Candidates are required to make syllabi of the books assigned to be read, certify that they prepared them independently, as the result of their own reading, not merely following the table of contents. All essays, sermons, and syllabi shall be graded, and the grading recorded, as in the case of books and subjects to be studied.

All written work for the year, except such final examinations on text-books and subjects, as are reserved for the third meeting of the Board, shall be forwarded to the appropriate Examiners at least one month before the date of the Annual Conference.

8—GRADES AND GRADING.

All grades shall be made on a scale of 100; and the minimum grade, upon which a candidate in the regular Conference course, or for admission on trial, may be passed, is seventy per cent. on each study or subject.

Candidates for local Deacons' or Elders' orders must reach the grade of at least sixty per cent.

Each Examiner shall forward to the Secretary, as soon as practicable after the completion of the examination, the papers, certificates and grades of each candidate; and the Secretary shall file the papers, and make a permanent record of all grades and credits. On receipt of these certificates of grades and credits from the Examiner, the Secretary shall also promptly notify the candidates in writing of the result of their examinations, which notification shall be to the candidates an official certificate of their work.

In case any candidate fails to pass in any study or examination, the Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Board, as well as the candidate.

9—APPEALS.

In case any candidate appeals from the grade markings of any Examiner, the Board of Examiners shall investigate the matter, and make the final decision thereon.

All examination papers for the preceding year shall be destroyed at the close of each session of the Annual Conference; and no appeal shall be entertained thereafter.

10—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or three books to be read; or in one to be studied and two to be read; or who is delinquent and equivalent among in other required work; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advance studies until he has brought up the work on which he is delinquent.

11—FEES.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Board, an annual fee of one dollar shall be required of each candidate for examination.

The under-graduates of the Conference shall forward this fee to the Secretary of the Board, annually, within sixty days of the adjournment of Conference. On receipt of the money, the Secretary shall send the candidate a certificate which shall entitle him to all the privileges and examinations of the Board for the year.

Candidates for admission on trial, or for local orders, must also forward this fee of one dollar before they can be considered eligible for examination. At the third meeting of the Board a committee shall be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the Secretary.

12—FOR ADMISSION OR ORDERS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to report to the Secretary of the Board as early in the year as possible the names of all candidates for orders. These will be expected to take their examinations at the regular meeting of the Board, and should be put in correspondence with the Secretary so as to learn the requirements which apply to them.

13—PUBLICATION.

A copy of this plan, together with the detailed schedule of studies and assignments to Examiners, shall be printed from year to year in the Conference Minutes, and if thought necessary, the Board may also publish the same in pamphlet form.

14—AMENDMENTS.

The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods herein presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes must be accepted by a vote of the Conference.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman.

ADDENDA.

1—SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.

The Chairman shall arrange schedule of classes, and the hours for the meeting of each, to be strictly adhered to, at the Annual Conference examination.

2—SEPARATE BUILDING.

The Board requests that a room, separate from the church in which the Conference is held, be provided each year, in which to hold examinations.

3—GRADES FROM CONFERENCES.

Acceptance of grades from other Conferences shall, in every instance, be optional with the Board. A low grade, as a rule, will not be recognized.

4—SPECIAL ADVICE.

1. Examiners are expected as far as desirable to assist students in their work. Students should report progress and pursue studies under general directions of Examiners. No student will be permitted to take any examinations in advance of the year until all the work of the year has been completed.

2. At least one-half of the studies are required at the mid-year examination.

3. *Examinations will be given only at the times provided in the rules of the Board, except in cases of emergency at the discretion of the Chairman.

4. Examiners and students should read in Discipline, Appendix 56-60, also in Conference Minutes, "Plans and Rules for Examinations."

5. Requirements for syllabi should be presented to students as early as February 1st of each year.

6. The Registrar should receive reports from Examiners of all studies presented, grading on a scale of 100 all papers on such studies. All syllabi, sermons, and essays that are accepted shall be graded a, b, or c, which shall represent the following values: a, 100 to 90; b, 90 to 80; c, 80 to 70.

7. Each student should remit an examination fee of one dollar to the Registrar before the time of mid-year examinations.

In order to secure a more systematic and efficient supervision of the Conference Courses of Study, and examinations thereon, the plans and methods given above shall be followed, subject to revision and amendment. By order of the Conference.

*NOTE.—One-half syllabi work required at mid-year examination.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS.

Instructor.	For Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Local Orders
Jordan	Catechism	Discipline	Discipline	Extem. Oratory.	Essay .....	.... Christian Baptism
W. S. Shepherd.	American History..	Discipline	Discipline	Hermeneutics ..	.....	..... Discipline
Wilkinson	Sermon and Essay..	Miley	Miley .....	.....	.....	..... Theolog. Compend.
Taylor	Christ. Perfection..	Harmon	Harmon	Land of Israel..	.....	..... Christian Perfection
A. C. Shepherd.	.....	Rhetoric .....	.....	Psychology	Christian Faith }	..... Psychology
Youngman	Doctrinal Aspects..	Syllabi .....	.....	Exegesis	Exegesis .....	..... Argumentation
Watson	Syllabi	Sermon	Essay .....	.....	.....	..... Doctrinal Aspect
Swickard	Literature .....	.....	Logic	Sermon	Ethics .....	..... Theology
Janes	English Branches..	.....	Syllabi	Christian Church	Christian Church	..... Gospel Records
Dibble	Life of Wesley	Christian Purity	Questions in Meth.	.....	.....	..... History Church
Hopkins	History of Metho... ..	.....	Universal History..	Syllabi	Sociology .... }	..... Questions Methodism
Deeble	Scriptural History..	Prep Sermons ..	Prep. Sermons ..	.....	Syllabi .....	..... Digest Methodist Law
Mid Year Examinations	English Branches..	Miley	Questions in Meth..	.....	.....	..... History of Methodism
	American History..	Rhetoric	Logic	Exegesis	Essay .....	..... Bible History
	Catechism	Harmon	Syllabi	Hermeneutics ..	Exegesis .....	..... Christian Baptism
	Syllabi	Syllabi	Prep. of Sermons..	Syllabi	Syllabi .....	..... Psychology
	History Metho.....	.....	Universal History	Land of Israel	Christian Church	..... History of Methodism
						..... Discipline

LIST OF UNDERGRADUATES.

IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.	IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.	IN STUDIE. OF THIRD YEAR.	IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR
*Jehu C. Bigelow.....Mitchell	James Crowther.....Parkston	Otis W. Butterfield.....Groton	Pierce O. Bunt.....Alpena
*John Jones.....Colman	Horace L. Hastings.....Gayville	Richard H. Dempsey....Okobojo	Orien E. Boyce ..Big Stone City
*Gordan L. Granger.....Hurley	Allen C. McLean....Wessington	Orlow M. Hyde.....Hazel	Frederick F. Case...Woonsocket
LeRoy R. Keckler.....Irene	Wm. Mason.....Fulton	Perry S. Ingersoll.....Selby	Wm. A. Greene.....Platte
John H. Kearton.....Tripp	John E. McKinney....Worthing	Henry F. Knight	Wm. O. Gram.....Bath
Walter S. Scott.....Fairfax	Hudson W. Smith....Garretson	..... Junction City, Colo.	Daniel S. Kerr.....Egan
Sidney H. Shurtleff...Harrisburg	Riley J. Van Der Voort.....	Charles E. Logsdon....Wilmot	Benj. W. McEldowney...Bristol
Robert E. Tarleton...Mellette	..... Wakonda	Paul H. MacBeth.....Faulkton	Wm. P. Slocum.....White Lake
	Arthur M. Ward.....Frederick	David E. Murray.....Miller	Asa D. Thibadeau.....Redfield
	Parley H. Weston	Henry Preston.....DeSmet	Hall K. Wallis.....Gary
	.....Mt. Vernon, Iowa	Lyndon V. Slocumb....Ashton	Geo. E. Webster.....Springfield
		Benj. F. Stiles.....Highmore	
		Henry I. Farr....Safford, Ariz.	

* To be credited with studies taken in Rock River, Wilmington and Wyoming Conferences, respectively.

MEMOIRS.

REV. COLIN T. COOPER.

Colin T. Cooper was born at Manchester, England, July 12, 1868, and died at Faulkton, S. Dak., August 18, 1903.

When but eighteen months old his parents died within a short time of each other. He was brought up by an uncle, and educated for the ministry at Harley College, London, of which institution he was a graduate.

He entered the ministry as a local preacher in the Wesleyan Methodist church, and served in that relation four years.

On October 7, 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hutton, and three days later sailed for America. Upon his arrival in this country he entered our ministry as a supply within the bounds of the New York Conference, and was admitted on trial in 1898. At the session of the above Conference in the spring of 1900 he was admitted into full connection and ordained a Deacon by Bishop Warren. In the fall of the same year Brother Cooper transferred to the Dakota Conference and was stationed at Blunt, where he enjoyed an increasingly popular pastorate until the summer of 1902.

A vacancy having occurred at Faulkton, upon the unanimous request of the Official Board he was assigned to that charge, and was returned by appointment of Bishop Goodsell last fall.

He was in the midst of a pastorate which promised large things for the people whom he was serving with great acceptability, when he was stricken down with Typhoid fever two weeks previous to his death.

In his departure he leaves a widow and five small children to mourn his loss. The funeral services were held in the church at Faulkton, Wednesday, August 20, and were largely attended by the citizens of that place. Twelve of his ministerial brethren were present and participated in the services. Asa D. Thibadeau offered prayer; the scriptures were read by Henry Preston, Wm. P. Arnold, and Chas. W. Harrop. Short addresses were given by G. T. Notson, Paul H. McBeth, Allen C. McLean, and Dr. J. O. Dobson. Resolutions expressing the profound sympathy of the Huron District Ministerial Association for the bereaved widow and children and the church at Faulkton were read by Gilbert D. Brown.

Benj. F. Stiles offered prayer, and the choir sang the favorite selections of the deceased. The Masonic fraternity attended in a body and participated in the services at the grave.

Followed by a large concourse of sympathizing friends the body of our beloved Brother was laid in its final resting place in the beautiful cemetery at Faulkton, to await the final summons on the morning of the Resurrection.

In the death of Bro. Cooper our Conference suffers a great loss. He was an able preacher of the Word, a faithful pastor and a true friend. He was able to a remarkable degree to gain the respect and confidence of men, and to know him was to love him.

To the writer his decease partakes of the nature of a personal bereavement, and as long as life shall last, his memory will be cherished as a Brother beloved. Heaven is more real by his going home.

Mrs. Cooper and her children are subjects of our deepest sympathy and prayers. In her long voyage to the home-land across the seas, she is followed in thought by loving friends who earnestly pray for her safe arrival among loved ones who will vie, we trust, with each other in assisting her to carry life's responsibilities and burdens.

REV. HIRAM S. COON.

Hiram S. Coon was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 15th, 1852. In May, 1880, he was united in marriage to Myra Roberts at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To this union was born three children, Addie, Ernest and Florence, who, with Sister Coon, mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father.

Brother Coon entered the Methodist ministry in 1891, assisting Brother Ash on the Onida charge that year, receiving his first Conference appointment from Bishop Goodsell in 1892. He served faithfully the following charges: Cavour, Winthrop, Alpena, Mt. Vernon, Howard, Bradley and Kampeska. On account of serious illness he was unable to attend the session of Conference which met at Madison one year ago. This greatly grieved him as it was the first time during his ministry that he had failed to respond to the roll call. On Monday morning, October 6th, 1903, Bishop Goodsell, who ten years before had given him his first appointment, again read his name, returning him to his former field by request of his people. But the great head of the church had something far better in store for him, and on October 8th he was summoned to the ministry of the Church Triumphant.

As a minister Brother Coon was a faithful preacher, conscientious, thorough and intensely in earnest, desiring above every thing else the salvation of lost souls. He was most loyal to the Methodist church, believing her doctrines and not hesitating to preach them. While an ardent worker at home he believed in the evangelization of the whole world. On every charge he instructed his people and thus secured splendid missionary collections.

Another characteristic which should not be overlooked, was his successful work among the children. In this as in other things he was original, using many plans and methods unthought of by others, which carried home to the hearts of the Juniors the blessed story of Jesus. As a natural result he left a strong Junior League on every charge he served.

The funeral services were held at Kampeska October 10th, conducted by Presiding Elder Rifembark and assisted by S. A. Chappell of Alexandria and several pastors of the Watertown District, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Watertown.

"Servant of God, well done: Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy.

The pains of death are past, Labor and sorrow cease,
And, life's long warfare closed at last, his soul is found in peace."

MRS. A. E. CARHART.

Margaret Dasch was born in Albany County, N. Y., August 19, 1846, and died at Mitchell, S. Dak., October 21, 1902. She was early bereft of her mother and when thirteen years of age was obliged to take full charge of her brothers and sisters, which function she performed with wonderful wisdom and untiring devotion. Of the family she so diligently mothered, three brothers older than herself, and a sister and two brothers younger, lived to maturity. She was thoroughly converted when she was nineteen years of age. At once she set up a family altar in her father's house. In later years the father became as sincere a worshiper at that altar as his consecrated daughter, through her influence. Naturally she became the dominating religious spirit of the neighborhood, and the younger people followed her lead without conscious restraint. During all this time she was diligent in study, and being quick to learn she became quite an expert in studies unmastered by girls who had better school advantages. She attended Cornell College and was at once recognized as a leader, being put into the most responsible positions in her classes. She was married to A. E. Carhart August 6, 1873. To this union were born five children, one of whom died in infancy, and the others live to rejoice in her memory and to honor her in the Gates of Zion. In 1889 her husband responded to the call of God and entered the ministry. Her vision of the responsibility incident to the ministry caused her to hesitate in making the change, but when made she entered upon the duties of a minister's wife most ungrudgingly. When Brother Carhart entered the Anti-Saloon League work she was his tireless and unpaid helper. To her devotion to this work, and to the anxiety she felt, is to be traced more than to aught else her utter nervous collapse. She saw how he was unselfishly undermining his

splendid physical constitution but it never occurred to her that it was necessary for her to be the conservor of her own nervous energy. So, after years of strain, and months of weary watching by those who were most tender of her, the silver cord snapped and the golden bowl was broken. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Dr. T. H. Youngman, who preached from the text: "She hath done what she could."

GEO. H. PARKER.

George H. Parker was born in Kingston, Ontario, May 6, 1868, and died Sept. 16, 1903, at Andover, S. Dak. Bro. Parker had served the church in the Dakota Conference for eight years. Slight of body and suffering from consumption for years, he yet was enabled to serve the church most effectively. His will to do was greater than his bodily strength. He had a kind heart and pleasant smile for everyone. His faith in God was unquestioned and in all ways he endeavored to promote his cause. He won his way to the people's hearts by his love for them. Since the death of his wife three years have passed and he has labored alone in the cause that was dear to both. A few hours before he died he said to a friend, "I shall be able to preach Sunday, but if the Lord wishes to take me I am ready." One of his brothers from Philadelphia was able to reach Burdette for the funeral services held there. He was buried beside his wife in the cemetery at Burdette, one of his former charges. The services at Andover were conducted by the Rev. E. P. Hall, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Aberdeen District, and at Burdette the pastor, Rev. E. E. Simmons, was in charge.

PROCEEDINGS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

FORENOON SESSION.

ABERDEEN, S. Dak., Oct. 16th, 1903.

The Fifth Quadrennial Lay Electoral Conference, of Dakota Conference met in the Presbyterian church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., at 9 a. m.

The Conference was called to order by R. N. Kratz, President of former Conference. Devotional services were conducted by William Bartle, of Marion Junction.

E. W. Eakin, of Pierre, was elected temporary President, and Wm. Carpenter, of Andover, temporary Secretary. Mrs. S. J. Watson was named as Assistant Secretary.

On motion a committee of one from each District was appointed on credentials, as follows: Aberdeen District, S. P. Watkins; Wattertown District, J. M. Johnston; Sioux Falls, A. C. Allen; Huron, Mary E. York; Mitchell, R. N. Kratz.

Voted the temporary officers be made permanent.

The election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day for 2:30 p. m.

A committee of three composed of S. P. Watkins, of Ashton; Wallace Wright, of Wakonda; J. N. Baker, of Wolsey, was chosen to confer with a like committee from the Dakota University relative to that institution and the formation of a Laymen's Association.

The committee on Credentials reported seventy-four Delegates present, representing as many charges.

Dr. Thomas Nicholson, President of Dakota University, addressed the Conference.

Rev. Wm. Bartle, of Marion, introduced a memorial to the General Conference, as follows:

"The Laymen of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in conference assembled would respectfully memorialize the General Conference and urge that some provisions be made for the care of disabled local preachers, their widows and orphans by organizing for their benefit an insurance society under the control and supervision of the present Board of Insurance, or some other Board of the General Conference."

The memorial was adopted.

Adjournment was taken till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened in the afternoon session at 2:00 p. m.

At 2:30 the order of the day was taken up and the Conference proceeded to elect two Lay Delegates and two Reserves to the General Conference to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., May, 1904.

The following nominations were made: H. G. Tilton, of Vermillion; Ira Barnes, Aberdeen; Nathan Noble, Centerville; J. H. Close, White Lake; S. E. Morris, Redfield; R. N. Kratz, Mitchell, and Mrs. S. A. Chappell, Alexandria.

The Conference proceeded to vote and upon the first ballot H. G. Tilton, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. On the fourth ballot Ira Barnes was elected and on motion of H. S. Mauser, S. E. Morris and Nathan Noble were elected reserve delegates.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

The Dakota Lay Electoral Conference of 1903, duly assembled and constituted, resolve as follows:

First—We earnestly request our Lay Delegates to the General Conference to meet in 1904, to do all they can to prevent any backward step by our beloved church on the question of the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Second—We also earnestly request our Lay Delegates to do all they can to prevent the church from taking a less positive stand on the subject of questionable amusements.

Third—Recognizing the necessity of a Christian education, also that our great young University located at Mitchell is grandly meeting this need, we therefore urge that the church do all in its power to build up and equip and support this, our only institution of higher education in this Conference.

Fourth—We extend our thanks to the people of the City of Aberdeen for their hospitality to the Lay Delegates while in their midst and to the press for its full and truthful reports of all of the proceedings of the Dakota Conference.

Also, to the Presbyterian church of this city for the use of its church in which to hold the sessions of the Lay Electoral Conference.

We also extend our thanks to the Chairman and Secretary of this conference for the careful and conscientious discharge of their duties as such officers.

LAY CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

During the afternoon session of the Laymen's Conference it was decided to form a Laymen's Association the object and purpose of which, as set forth in the Constitution adopted, "shall be to promote Christian fellowship; to familiarize its members with the usage and enterprises of the church, and especially to engage their active

co-operation in the cause of Christian education as represented by Dakota University, at Mitchell; and to do such other things as the Association may decide upon from time to time."

The present membership of the Association is composed of all the delegates and alternates elected to the Laymen's Conference for 1903, and the membership for the meeting of 1904 shall be all such delegates and alternates, and such additional members as the Executive Committee of the Association may direct to be elected by the Third Quarterly Conference in each charge.

The meetings of the Association are to be at the same time and place as the Annual Conference. The President was authorized to appoint all committees for the ensuing year. The Standing Committees are as follows: Dakota University, State of the Church Resolutions and Nominations.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—H. G. Tilton, of Vermillion.

First Vice President—R. N. Kratz, of Mitchell.

Second Vice President—S. E. Morris, of Redfield.

Third Vice President—J. M. Johnston, of Garden City.

Secretary—Wm. Carpenter, of Andover.

Treasurer—A. S. Cory, of Alpena.

NOTE.—Pastors are requested to call the attention, and especially the delegates and alternates in their respective charges to the formation of this association and explain its object and purpose.

Names of Charges	Church Membership			Baptisms		Church Property						Sunday Schools.								
	No. of Probationers.	No of Full Members.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Bap- tised.	No. of Adults Bap- tized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Bld'g and Impro- ving Churches and Parsonages	P'd. on old Indeb't's. on Church Property	Present Indebted- ness on Ch'ch Prop'y	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance	No. of Officers and Teachers who are church members or probationers	No. of Scholars whether at- tend'is or members in Home Dep't. who are Church mem- bers or Probationers	No. of members of Sunday School converted during year	Current Expenses.
Aberdeen.	13	240	2	8	1	1	\$10,000	1	\$3,500	\$726	\$228	\$800	1	30	400	250	30	150	10	\$250
Andover.	6	35		1		1	1,500						2	17	90	65	12	20		18
Ashton.		48	1		1	2	2,500	1	1,500	1,450	465	300	2	20	135	95	16	56	4	30
Bath and Columbia.	3	96		5		3	5,000	1	800	39		815	2	20	135	95	16	56		50
Bowdle and Roscoe.		18		1		1	2,700	1	750	250			1	8	55	33	8	14		62
Britton.		60				1	2,500	1	2,000		34	420	3	20	150	85	16			44
Claremont.		34	2			2	4,000	1	1,400	47	200	100	3	12	84	60	10	20	2	32
Conde.	2	58	2	1		1	1,450	1	800	63			3	24	120	80	19	33		55
DeVoe.	8	57		2		1	850	1	1,000				3	25	95	70	19	18		33
Doland.		72		1	1	2	3,700	1	800	18		145	2	18	125	83	12			72
Frederick.	1	37		3		2	4,000			100			3	24	100	50	17	25	1	70
Groton.	1	109		1	3	2	4,500	1	1,500	140	57	618	2	19	145	100	14	60	2	60
Hecla.		32				1	1,400	1	400		50	175								
Langford.	5	71	1			2	2,000	1	600	300		100	2	18	77	45	16	32	1	44
Leola.	4	34			14	1	1,500			65	123	415	5	29	90	45	27	38	12	17
Mellette.		34			1	1	1,500	1	1,100	50	400		1	12	90	75	5	17	1	50
Mound City and Herried.		40				1	1,500	1	600				1	4	25	20	2			12
Northville.	6	60		4	1	1	1,800	1	1,000	25	50	125	2	23	125	80	20	60	8	70
Selby and Bangor.		45				1	1,600	1	450	100		450	2	12	75	55	12	25		
Warner.	10	71		1	5	2	2,350	1	400		154		3	22	118	70	14		6	43
Totals.	59	1,251	8	28	27	31	\$6,350	17	\$18,200	\$2,073	\$1,761	\$4,463	41	337	2099	1361	269	563	47	\$1,012

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.							S support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Total Support: Pastors, Pres'd'g Elders & Bishops.	Con ference Claimants.			Current Expenses.	
		Claims.			Receipts.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.		Rec'd From	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.		
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.										Collections.	Other Sources.	Total.
Aberdeen.....	N. A. Swickard.....	\$1200	\$360	\$1560	\$1200	\$360	\$1560	...	\$150	\$150	\$18	\$18	\$1728	\$24	...	\$24	\$350	\$250
Andover.....	G. H. Parker.....	400	25	425	400	25	425	...	20	20	...	...	445	...	...	...	15	18
Ashton.....	L. V. Slocumb.....	650	150	800	650	150	800	...	40	40	6	6	846	12	...	12	110	30
Bath and Columbia..	Frank Fox.....	650	100	750	650	100	750	...	60	60	8	8	818	10	...	10	101	50
Bowdle and Roscoe....	L. A. McCulloch.....	350	75	425	385	75	460	...	36	36	3	3	498	5	...	5	62	62
Britton.....	W. D. Deebie.....	775	150	925	775	150	925	...	64	64	...	6	995	16	...	16	75	44
Claremont.....	L. W. Putman.....	540	96	636	540	96	636	...	45	45	...	2	683	5	...	5	60	32
Conde.....	N. P. Johnson.....	550	70	620	534	70	604	16	53	53	7	7	664	11	...	11	42	55
DeVoe.....	F. L. Bromaghim.....	435	80	515	435	80	515	...	44	44	6	6	565	9	...	9	15	33
Doland.....	J. E. Norvell.....	550	72	622	551	72	623	...	60	60	9	9	692	11	...	11	150	72
Frederick.....	A. M. Ward.....	550	...	550	534	...	534	16	48	47	7	5	586	9	...	9	87	70
Groton.....	O. W. Butterfield..	800	...	800	775	...	775	25	60	60	6	6	841	16	...	16	147	60
Hecla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	173	30	203	...	30	30	...	...	233	...	...	...	35	...
Langford.....	C. O. Walker.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	...	50	50	4	4	654	9	...	9	75	44
Leola.....	N. S. Wilson.....	300	...	300	300	...	300	...	30	30	...	...	330	1	...	1	16	17
Mellette.....	A. S. Mason.....	625	150	775	625	150	775	...	50	50	3	3	828	13	...	13	75	50
Mound City and Herried	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	60	60	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	12
Northville.....	F. J. Norton.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	...	50	50	4	4	754	14	...	14	75	70
Selby and Bangor.....	P. S. Ingersoll.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	...	44	44	3	3	647	...	...	...	50	...
Warner.....	E. E. Dean.....	475	50	525	475	50	525	...	50	50	5	5	580	10	...	10	50	43
Total.....	.....	\$10450	\$1678	\$12128	\$10602	\$1708	\$12310	57	\$1044	\$1043	\$89	\$94	\$13447	\$167	\$6	\$184	\$1590	\$1012

Names of Charges.	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property						Sunday Schools.										
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	P'd for B'ld'g and Improving churches and parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property	Present Indebtedness on Ch'ch Prop'y.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all grades	Average Attendance	No. Members in Home Dep't.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are church members or probationers	No. of Scholars whether attend'ts or members in Home Dep't. who are Church members or Probationers	No. of members of Sunday School converted during year	Current Expenses	
Alpena..	9	101	2	3	1	4	2	\$3,000	1	\$900	\$100	...	...	2	19	150	111	...	19	...	12	\$40
Blunt....	4	40	...	...	2	...	2	3,400	1	400	...	...	\$1,200	2	8	60	50	...	9	...	4	30
Burdette..	...	41	...	1	...	...	1	700	1	125	...	...	...	2	13	60	18	...	11	50	...	27
Cavour....	...	75	...	...	...	9	3	2,000	...	...	75	...	525	2	6	60	40	...	6	...	...	40
DeSmet....	11	82	1	1	...	...	1	2,500	1	800	150	...	...	1	9	105	67	...	9	...	...	32
Faulkton..	10	109	...	...	...	...	2	6,500	1	1,500	890	...	1,800	...	21	175	125	...	20	60	...	78
†Forest City	1	12	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	29	110	91	...	4	10	...	17
Fort Pierre Ct....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gettysburg..	6	27	1	...	...	...	1	600	1	700	61	...	...	3	31	165	87	...	16	28	6	70
Highmore....	6	76	1	...	...	2	1	2,200	1	1,000	80	...	2,157	2	12	90	60	...	10	...	...	15
Hitchcock....	5	93	...	2	4	...	1	2,000	1	600	60	...	...	...	20	125	100	...	18	...	4	108
Huron.....	15	265	...	...	3	5	1	10,000	1	1,500	350	...	...	1	25	275	152	...	25	125	...	88
Iroquois.....	...	64	...	...	5	...	2	2,500	1	900	175	...	450	3	17	95	64	...	14	45	4	34
Lebanon.....	...	22	...	...	...	...	1	1,800	...	...	75	\$100	...	3	20	120	75	...	10	18	...	30
Miller.....	7	80	...	2	...	...	2	3,000	2	1,150	250	...	1,600	...	21	90	60	...	15	...	5	32
Okobojo....	2	33	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	1	400	100	...	...	3	19	80	60	...	11	13	2	22
Onida.....	...	36	...	...	...	...	1	1,000	1	400	...	...	200	...	10	35	24	...	10	...	...	5
Pierre.....	8	122	1	...	1	...	1	3,500	1	3,000	2,150	...	1,000	...	1	14	132	78	34	13	62	1	85
Redfield....	8	92	...	...	1	7	1	12,000	1	1,500	9,000	...	...	...	9	100	80	...	9	...	8	40
Wessington..	...	56	1	...	1	...	1	800	1	800	25	186	135	2	16	60	50	...	16	...	...	30
Wessington Springs.	...	152	1	1	1	6,000	1	2,000	5,700	3	25	200	125	...	25	100	...	50
Winthrop....	1	83	...	2	2	...	2	3,000	1	800	1,694	5	23	138	111	...	16	59	...	54
Wolsey.....	15	48	...	...	...	...	1	1,650	1	150	...	...	...	3	21	153	95	...	16	38	14	30
Tulare.....	3	37	1	1	...	...	2	3,500	...	...	2,085	...	415	2	16	105	75	...	16	55	...	60
Totals..	127	1746	10	13	29	27	30	\$71,650	20	\$18,625	\$23,020	\$286	\$9,482	52	404	2683	1798	34	318	667	62	\$1,017	

†Taken from Minutes.

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		Claims.			Receipts.				Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.		Rec'd From.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves. Books, Etc.		
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.										
Alpena.....	J. G. Gurney.....	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$600	\$100	\$700	...	\$60	\$60	\$10	\$10	\$770	\$12	...	\$12	\$38	\$40
Blunt.....	B. F. Stiles.....	416	84	500	336	84	420	80	50	47	5	1	468	12	...	2	50	30
Burdette.....	E. E. Simmons.....	465	...	465	458	...	458	7	46	44	5	3	505	7	...	7	12	27
Cavour.....	C. W. Williams.....	350	...	350	350	...	350	...	35	35	12	12	387	12	...	12	30	40
DeSmet.....	Henry Preston.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	...	70	70	10	10	880	14	...	14	37	32
Faulkton.....	C. T. Cooper.....	750	100	850	750	100	850	...	75	75	...	...	925	14	...	14	78	17
Forest City.....	J. W. A. Collins.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fort Pierre Ct.....	J. H. Vogt.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gettysburg.....	W. P. Arnold.....	425	125	550	425	125	550	...	41	40	6	4	594	5	...	5	50	70
Highmore.....	A. C. MacLean.....	420	80	500	390	80	470	30	42	40	...	2	512	5	...	5	50	15
Hitchcock.....	O. A. Phillips.....	350	100	450	350	100	450	...	20	20	6	6	476	7	...	7	108	...
Huron.....	H. S. Wilkinson.....	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	...	120	120	10	10	1480	20	...	20	367	88
Iroquois.....	D. E. Murray.....	700	96	796	650	96	746	50	70	70	5	5	821	14	...	14	87	34
Lebanon.....	C. W. Harrop.....	365	...	365	225	...	225	140	36	18	12	2	245	7	...	7	15	30
Onida.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Miller.....	P. H. MacBeth.....	665	75	740	675	75	750	...	66	66	7	7	823	8	...	8	50	32
Okobojo.....	J. A. McDonald.....	430	...	430	397	...	397	33	43	43	2	2	442	2	1	3	10	22
Pierre.....	G. T. Notson.....	860	240	1100	860	240	1100	...	75	75	8	4	1179	14	...	14	160	85
Redfield.....	A. D. Thibadeau.....	700	150	850	750	150	900	...	70	70	10	10	980	14	...	14	150	40
Wessington.....	A. L. Cathers.....	420	...	420	420	...	420	...	42	42	9	...	462	2	...	2	48	30
Wessington Springs.....	G. D. Brown.....	770	150	920	770	150	920	...	77	77	7	7	1004	16	...	16	100	50
Winthrop.....	P. O. Bunt.....	500	72	572	516	72	588	...	50	50	7	7	645	10	...	10	35	54
Wolsey.....	C. L. Cone.....	490	100	590	434	100	534	56	49	41	7	2	577	2	...	2	40	30
Tulare.....	O. A. Phillips.....	150	...	150	150	...	150	...	20	20	5	5	175	5	...	5	...	60
Total.....	\$11726	\$1722	\$13448	\$11406	\$1722	\$13128	\$396	\$1156	\$1123	\$123	\$99	\$14350	\$205	\$1	\$206	\$1329	\$1017

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Armour.....	28	44	1	2	1	\$3,000	1	\$1,500	\$240	1	10	80	65	...	9	8	...	\$40
Alexandria.....	28	140	1	...	9	...	1	5,500	1	2,000	3,500	1	15	186	115	...	15	75	25	75
Artesian.....	2	67	4	1	2,500	1	475	925	\$193	\$57	3	22	175	100	...	18	...	20	85
Bard.....	9	98	...	2	1	1,700	2	13	90
Bridgewater.....	...	67	1	2,000	350	2	7	45	30	...	7
Canistota and Riverside.....	4	60	2	1	4	...	2	3,000	1	1,500	100	100	300	2	12	55	12	65
Chamberlain.....	8	83	1	...	2	...	1	3,500	1	1,500	643	...	700	1	13	122	73	...	10	60
Fairfax Ct.....	2	23	1	1	1,500	...	1,000	500	1	6	40	30	...	6
Fulton.....	7	58	1	2	3,200	1	600	80	2	15	105	74	...	14	41	...	65
Geddes.....	3	57	1	2	1	...	2	4,000	1	2,000	1,000	2	18	125	100	3	40
Howard.....	4	40	1	3	6,500	1	800	1	15	115	62	2	20
Kimball.....	2	30	1	2,200	1	800	100
LaRoche.....	2	45	3	4	1	2,000	...	500	1,500	1	12	75	50	...	12	40	...	14
Letcher.....	10	53	1	2,000	1	800	85	162	315	2	16	108	60	...	10	32	...	35
Mitchell.....	11	329	1	2	6	12	1	8,000	1	3,000	800	1	34	280	176	20	33	130	16	150
Mitchell Ct.....	...	23	2	2	13	45	35	...	8	15
Mt. Vernon.....	6	74	2	2	2	3,000	1	1,500	1	15	100	65	...	15	48
Parkston and Ethan.....	10	58	2	9	...	3,800	...	50	2	18	112	80	...	18	50	15	55
Plankinton.....	9	88	...	1	7	...	2	4,500	1	1,000	100	2	29	200	125	...	25	95
Platte.....	6	126	2	1	...	9	2	4,600	1	1,500	900	...	150	4	27	165	110	...	25	...	8	72
Salem.....	5	75	...	1	4	...	1	2,800	1	2,000	500	1	13	175	85	...	11	60	5	60
Scotland.....	6	66	...	1	1	3	1	4,500	1	1,500	100	240	300	1	12	110	56	...	10	...	6	40
Springfield.....	...	59	2	3,000	...	100	500	2	14	75	50	...	11	12	...	38
Tripp and Delmont.....	14	80	1	2	1	...	2	3,000	1	500	190	2	14	120	69	...	10	32	14	35
Tyndall.....	2	68	8	1	1,800	1	1,000	222	1	9	65	32	...	8	20	4	28
White Lake.....	4	83	...	1	3	5	1	3,000	1	800	25	50	50	2	18	110	80	...	18	85	25	40
Woonsocket.....	10	100	...	1	1	16	1	2,500	1	1,500	50	1	14	150	100	...	12	...	11	60
Total.....	164	2094	13	19	47	72	36	\$87,100	20	\$26,275	\$9,260	\$745	\$6,722	43	404	3028	1832	20	317	585	154	\$1,235

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.							Support of Presiding Elders		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	Conference Claimants			Current Expenses		
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd From	Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total												
Armour.....	Oliver Williams.	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$700	\$150	\$850	.....	\$50	\$50	.....	\$3	\$903	\$3	.....	\$3	\$65	\$40
Alexandria.....	S. A. Chappell...	740	120	860	740	120	860	.....	50	50	.....	2	912	14	.....	14	100	75
Artesian.....	E. E. Saxton.....	700	50	750	700	50	750	.....	46	41	.....	7	797	8	.....	8	75	85
Bard.....	E. P. Shepherd...	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	44	44	.....	5	449	10	.....	10	.....	.....
Bridgewater.....	.....	114	.....	114	114	.....	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canistota & Riverside...	I. B. Sevey.....	479	50	529	479	50	529	.....	37	37	.....	1	587	2	.....	2	60	65
Chamberlain.....	J. O. Baker.....	550	200	750	550	200	750	.....	40	40	.....	6	796	11	.....	11	110	60
Fairfax Ct.....	G. J. Corwin.....	425	.....	425	400	.....	400	\$25	.....	15	.....	2	417	8	.....	8	25	.....
Fulton.....	Wm. Mason.....	700	72	772	662	72	734	38	50	50	6	6	790	6	\$6	12	84	65
Geddes.....	W. W. Havens...	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	50	50	.....	6	906	9	.....	9	150	40
Howard.....	John Kaye.....	500	96	596	500	96	596	.....	40	40	.....	3	639	10	.....	10	104	30
Kimball.....	B. F. Evans.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	28	.....	3	30	3	.....	3	50	.....
LaRoche.....	O. S. Royse.....	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	22	22	.....	5	425	8	.....	8	4	14
Letcher.....	Ray Oarhart.....	211	96	307	211	96	307	.....	32	32	.....	4	343	8	.....	8	40	35
Mitchell.....	T. H. Youngman...	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....	130	130	.....	16	1446	50	.....	50	250	150
Mitchell Ct.....	R. N. Kratz.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Mount Vernon.....	I. P. Potter.....	650	120	770	650	120	770	.....	50	50	.....	8	824	5	.....	5	100	48
Parkston & Ethan.....	Jas. Crowther...	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	50	50	.....	7	657	10	.....	10	85	55
Plankinton.....	A. P. Jones.....	650	.....	650	650	.....	650	.....	50	50	.....	6	706	14	.....	14	174	95
Platte.....	W. A. Greene.....	800	60	860	800	60	860	.....	48	50	.....	4	914	6	.....	6	105	72
Salem.....	J. O. Harvey.....	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	60	60	.....	4	1164	16	.....	16	150	60
Scotland.....	A. W. Thurston...	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	44	44	.....	8	872	13	.....	13	133	40
Springfield.....	H. K. Wallis.....	550	.....	550	560	.....	560	.....	40	40	.....	6	606	10	.....	10	50	38
Tripp & Delmont.....	J. H. Keaston...	625	75	700	625	75	700	.....	54	54	.....	8	762	12	.....	12	70	35
Tyndall.....	E. T. Underwood...	400	100	500	446	100	546	.....	40	40	.....	3	588	7	.....	7	97	28
White Lake.....	W. P. Slocum.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	41	41	.....	6	646	11	.....	11	85	40
Woonsocket.....	F. F. Case.....	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	.....	50	50	.....	10	1160	18	.....	18	200	60
Total.....	.....	\$15194	\$1959	\$17153	\$15262	\$1959	\$17221	\$63	\$1150	\$1158	\$104	\$129	\$18508	\$272	\$8	\$280	\$3866	\$1235

Names of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property						Sunday Schools									
	No. Probationers	No. Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Pd for Bld'g and improving churches and parsonages	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church property	Present Indebtedness on Church property	No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance	No. Members Home Dept.	No. Officers and Teachers who are church members or Probationers	No. Scholars whether attend'ts or members in Home dept who are church members or probationers	No. Members of S. S. converted during year	Current Expenses
Alcester.....	7	75	...	...	11	9	12	\$3,200	1	\$1,000	\$85	\$83	\$166	1	11	85	50	...	11	...	6	\$30
Ben Clare.....	...	38	...	1	...	...	...	4,300	...	...	1,674	25	293	3	20	126	83	...	12	...	...	42
Beresford.....	3	80	...	1	14	...	...	3,000	1	1,200	1,122	...	...	1	11	90	...	...	11	...	12	44
Canton.....	26	291	4	3	25	1	1	6,900	1	4,000	275	...	1,272	1	16	225	151	...	16	...	150	134
Centerville.....	...	88	...	...	1	1	12	4,500	1	1,200	1,150	...	180	2	23	165	110	...	...	...	...	63
Colman.....	2	43	...	...	14	3	12	3,200	1	1,500	200	...	550	12	12	75	60	12	15	25	3	40
Colton Ct.....	3	60	1	...	...	1	1	1,200	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	8	70	...	8	...	...	...
Dell Rapids.....	6	130	...	2	5	3	1	3,000	1	1,000	150	154	46	1	12	90	70	...	11	40	9	50
Egan.....	3	63	...	1	6	...	1	1,200	1	1,500	700	...	300	3	24	150	100	...	20	40	2	50
Elk Point.....	11	84	...	...	...	...	1	4,500	1	1,500	150	...	...	1	14	128	50	...	10	...	8	45
Flandreau.....	16	127	...	3	...	1	...	5,000	1	1,700	63	109	100	2	24	192	114	...	22	52	6	76
Flandreau Ct.....	9	38	2	...	2	4	1	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	60	40	4	8	...	...	16
*Garretson.....	3	40	1	1	4	...	1	800	1	500	...	...	...	2	12	65	40	...	14	...	...	45
Gayville.....	6	55	1	...	2	1	12	3,000	1	1,000	193	...	168	2	9	75	36	...	8	...	...	44
Harrisburg.....	7	50	...	...	3	...	1	2,500	1	1,000	2,500	...	...	3	18	120	90	...	12	50	3	50
Hartford.....	6	115	...	1	5	...	1	3,000	1	1,500	130	...	40	25	200	160	...	25	...	6	50	
Hudson.....	1	84	...	...	4	3	2	4,200	1	1,500	600	...	800	12	17	130	71	...	17	52	7	35
Hurley.....	5	113	1	...	...	...	2	2,700	1	1,000	...	...	...	2	15	80	60	...	...	50	...	50
Lennox.....	5	76	...	1	1	...	2	3,000	1	1,000	800	50	175	2	26	175	130	...	26	70	...	75
Lodi.....	10	39	...	...	7	3	2	3,000	1	500	87	235	...	3	15	70	60	...	12	30	10	30
Madison.....	37	255	1	2	1	1	1	8,000	1	1,500	...	...	...	1	23	287	163	...	23	...	31	101
Marion.....	6	44	...	1	1	...	1	2,000	...	230	35	...	75	1	7	28	18	...	6	16	6	29
Montrose.....	10	64	...	1	10	13	1	3,000	1	1,000	...	...	510	2	12	90	60	...	12	50	20	35
Parker.....	11	116	...	4	...	1	1	6,000	1	2,000	75	75	400	1	22	200	140	...	22	110	1	60
Sioux Falls—{ First Church.....	25	402	...	3	2	26	1	17,000	1	5,000	100	...	2,200	1	40	410	245	...	40	...	...	230
{ Jordon Church.....	28	103	1	1	2	6	2	3,750	...	...	1,050	...	345	2	22	175	100	...	22	105	20	100
Vermillion.....	17	323	...	3	7	11	1	12,000	1	3,000	65	...	600	1	25	225	170	35	25	80	12	130
Wakonda.....	...	68	...	1	1	5	3	4,000	...	...	200	...	150	3	13	100	80	...	8	...	...	45
Worthing.....	2	41	...	...	1	...	1	1,800	...	...	70	...	...	2	11	104	76	...	7	...	...	22
Yankton.....	60	122	1	...	16	34	1	2,500	1	1,800	150	...	800	2	25	250	130	24	23	150	50	70
Totals.....	325	3227	13	33	121	151	42	\$118,250	23	\$36,900	\$11,319	\$766	\$9,170	53	521	4240	2697	75	468	1,070	267	\$1,796

*Taken from Last Year's Minutes.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.							Support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	Conference Claimants.			Current Expenses.		
		Claims.			Receipts.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.		Received From.		Total.	Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sund'y School Lesson Leaves Books, Etc.	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.							Collec-tions.	Other Sources.				
Alcester.....	L. MacLean.....	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$700	\$150	\$850		\$52	\$52			\$902	\$14		\$14	\$80	\$50	
Ben Clare.....	C. W. Murr.....	465		465	442		442	\$23	36	36			482				55	42	
Beresford.....	A. Jamieson.....	600	100	700	600	100	700		54	54	\$4	\$4	757	10		10	96	44	
Canton.....	A. O. Shepherd.....	1000	240	1240	1000	240	1240		90	90	14	14	1344	40		40	307	134	
Centerville.....	W. B. Stewart.....	800	120	920	800	120	920		70	70	12	12	993	12		12	80	63	
Colman.....	John Jones.....	600	120	720	600	120	720		56	56	6	6	782	12		12	75	40	
Colton Ct.....	L. W. Scott.....	578		578	453		453	125	30	30			486	11		11			
Dell Rapids.....	R. B. Beavis.....	660	100	760	660	100	760		60	60	9	9	826	10		10	140	50	
Egan.....	D. S. Kerr.....	600	60	660	600	60	660		54	54	6	6	720	13		13	80	50	
Elk Point.....	W. F. Minty.....	720	150	870	520	150	670	200	55	51			823	8		8	160	45	
Flandreau.....	G. F. Hopkins.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		75	75	11	11	1236	20		20	98	76	
Flandreau Ct.....	D. C. Arms.....	180		180	156		156	24	40	40			197	3		3		16	
Garretson.....	R. E. Tarleton.....	540	75	615	540	75	615		36	36			653	5		5	145	45	
Gayville.....	H. W. Smith.....	540	100	640	461	100	561	79	54	46	5	4	611	8		8	40	44	
Harrisburg.....	S. H. Shurtleff.....	550	100	650	550	100	650		46	46	8	8	704	10		10	30	50	
Hartford.....	W. O. Redfield.....	675	125	800	675	125	800		56	56	9	9	865	21		21	89	50	
Hudson.....	R. J. Van Der Voort.	650	115	765	607	115	722	43	44	34	6	6	762	18		18	112	35	
Hurley.....	G. L. Granger.....	637	100	730	637	100	737		48	48	6	6	791	10		10	50	50	
Lennox.....	H. P. Eberhart.....	690	120	810	690	120	810		60	60	8	8	878	14		14	100	75	
Lodi.....	J. E. McKinney.....	425	50	475	375	50	425	50	40	40	4	3	468	8		8	27		
Madison.....	G. S. Parker.....	1000	180	1180	1000	180	1180		94	94	14	14	1288	20		20	218	101	
Marion.....	Wm. Bartle.....	400	98	498	402	98	500		28	28	4	1	529	2		2	58	29	
Montrose.....	H. L. Hasting.....	500	100	600	500	100	600		40	40	5		640	4		4	15	35	
Parker.....	J. B. Dibble.....	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		74	74	12	12	1086	16		16	180	60	
S. Falls { First Ch....	W. H. Jordan.....	1600	500	2100	1600	500	2100		150	150	20	20	2270	75		75	1000	230	
S. Falls { Jordan Ch....	S. T. Weaver.....	820	120	940	820	120	940		58	58	5	5	1003	5		5	100	100	
Vermillion.....	J. W. Taylor.....	1300	240	1540	1300	240	1540		116	116	16	16	1672	25		25	125	130	
Wakonda.....	M. E. Nickerson.....	700		700	610		610	90	52	52			663	5		5	60	45	
Worthing.....	A. E. Carhart.....	420		420	405		405	15	36	36	1	1	442	3		3	30	22	
Yankton.....	G. W. Rosenberry....	670	200	870	670	200	870		56	56	8	8	934	13		13	200	70	
Total.....		\$20813	\$3613	\$24426	\$20173	\$3613	\$23786	\$649	\$1760	\$1738	\$193	\$183	\$25707	\$415		\$415	\$3750	\$1796	

Names of Charges	Church Membership				Baptisms		Church Property						Sunday Schools									
	No. Probationers	No. Full Members	No. Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. Children Bapt'd	No. Adults Baptized	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Bldg. and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness Church Property	No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance	No. Members in Home Dept.	No. of Officers and Teachers who were Church Members or Probationers.	No. Sch'l'rs whether attend'ts or Members in Home Dep't, Ch'ch Memb'rs or Probat'r	No. Members S.S. converted during year	Current Expenses
Arlington.....	18	70	...	...	7	...	2	\$2,000	1	\$1,000	\$1,000	...	...	2	23	128	78	...	23	40	10	\$70
Aurora.....	8	34	...	1	1	7	2	2,500	...	...	...	...	225	1	6	24	...	...	5	12	...	20
Big Stone City.....	13	120	...	...	1	6	1	2,600	1	1,200	400	...	650	1	18	145	107	...	73	...	20	67
Bradley.....	1	66	...	2	2	...	2	2,200	1	1,009	275	...	...	2	12	100	85	...	12	18	...	35
Bristol.....	2	67	...	...	3	3	1	2,000	1	600	15	100	100	2	13	105	60	...	13	20	9	35
Brookings.....	6	209	...	1	3	...	1	5,000	2	6,500	100	...	112	1	16	195	125	...	16	100	2	85
Castlewood.....	1	30	...	...	...	...	1	1,600	...	...	35	...	...	1	8	42	38	...	4	...	...	23
Olark.....	1	130	...	...	...	...	1	6,500	...	...	...	1,135	174	1	15	150	65	...	12	50	...	75
Olear Lake.....	5	62	...	1	1	...	1	2,000	1	1,700	10	310	500	1	8	65	45	...	7	...	...	35
Garden City.....	5	102	1	...	5	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	130	345	...	3	25	170	125	...	16	...	3	56
Gary.....	9	97	...	...	3	17	1	2,000	1	500	...	...	...	3	24	130	65	...	20	...	3	42
Hazel.....	9	73	...	...	2	5	2	3,000	1	1,500	180	300	...	3	27	140	85	...	25	...	7	75
Henry.....	8	100	2	2	7	3	2	3,400	1	1,500	1,700	...	...	1	11	85	40	...	11	...	8	26
Kampeska.....	5	20	...	...	...	...	1	1,200	1	520	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Preston.....	4	68	1	1	3	2	1	1,600	1	1,000	750	...	...	2	16	120	68	15	15	...	5	48
Milbank.....	19	124	...	...	7	7	1	10,000	1	1,800	582	...	500	1	24	226	137	...	20	90	14	65
Sisseton.....	22	70	...	...	11	9	1	2,300	1	1,300	516	...	350	2	18	110	58	6	18	...	...	60
Summit.....	3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	70	...	15	5	...	...	40
Watertown.....	15	312	2	3	6	2	1	15,000	1	2,000	100	...	...	1	30	300	175	...	30	160	10	158
Webster.....	...	96	...	1	2	4	1	3,000	1	1,000	130	544	400	2	15	150	125	...	13	60	...	75
Willow Lakes.....	9	34	...	...	3	8	2	4,000	1	1,000	271	...	...	2	15	70	55	...	13	...	5	35
White.....	...	167	...	2	3	1	2	4,000	1	1,000	75	...	...	2	18	130	91	...	16	...	4	75
White Rock.....	4	100	1	1	1	...	1	3,000	...	...	500	...	2,500	4	27	225	140	...	17	75	10	85
Wilmot and Corona.....	3	60	...	1	4	3	2	4,000	1	500	...	250	...	2	12	90	60	...	...	...	3	40
Waubay.....	17	37	...	1	7	13	1	1,600	...	...	1,363	...	...	2	14	121	76	...	9	49	23	56
Total.....	185	2242	8	17	82	91	32	\$85,800	20	\$26,620	\$8,232	\$3,084	\$5,511	43	401	3091	1900	36	397	674	138	\$1,391

Name of Charge	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support							Support of Presiding Elders		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	Conference Claimants			Current Expenses		
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiency.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid		Rec'd From	Collections	Other Sources	Total	Church Light, Fuel, Etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total												
Arlington.....	A. M. Harkness.....	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$600	\$100	\$700		\$60	\$60	\$5	\$5	\$765	\$8		\$8	\$100	\$70	
Aurora and Bruce...	P. G. Shepersky.....	425		425	330		330	\$95	42	32		3	365	3		3	37	20	
Big Stone City.....	O. E. Boyce.....	600	100	700	615	100	715		60	60	6	6	781	12		12	140	67	
Bradley.....	William Barrie.....	500	100	600	600	100	700		50	55	5	5	760	5		5	75	35	
Bristol.....	B. W. McEldowney..	450	100	550	463	100	563		45	45	4	4	612	8		8	18	35	
Brookings.....	W. A. Cave.....	1100	300	1400	1100	300	1400		110	110	11	11	1521	17		17	210	35	
Castlewood.....	J. D. Allison.....	260		260	260		260		22	22			282					33	
Clark.....	W. L. Meinzer.....	800		800	800		800		72	72	7	7	879	15		15	175	75	
Clear Lake.....	Matt Evans.....	600	150	750	417	150	567	183	60	35			602				80	35	
Garden City.....	S. E. Boselly.....	500	100	600	500	100	600		50	50	5	5	655	10		10	64	56	
Gary.....	E. M. Isaac.....	381	60	441	381	60	441		40	40	4	4	485	8		8	47	42	
Hazel.....	O. M. Hyde.....	540	150	690	540	150	690		54	54	5	5	749	20		20	80	75	
Henry.....	W. O. Ehlers.....	650	150	800	650	150	800		65	65	6	6	871	16		16	85	26	
Kampeska.....	H. S. Coon.....				50		50			17			67						
Lake Preston.....	L. W. Darling.....	500	144	644	500	144	644		45	48	5	1	693	6		6	75	48	
Milbank.....	S. J. Watson.....	900	100	1000	952	100	1052		90	90	9	7	1149	18		18	260	65	
Sisseton.....	L. L. Lane.....	750	180	930	750	180	930		75	75	7	7	1012	14		14	80	60	
Sammit.....	D. C. McLean.....	500		500	500		500		28	28			528	5		5	75	40	
Watertown.....	W. S. Shepherd.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		120	120	10	10	1630	24		24	512	158	
Webster.....	J. S. Harkness.....	850	250	1100	850	250	1100		85	85	9	9	1194	17		17	200	75	
Willow Lakes.....	S. M. Davis.....	410	75	485	397	75	472	18	40	37	4	3	512	2		2	40	35	
White.....	Thomas Sanderson..	775	150	925	775	150	925		77	77	7	5	1007	15		15	100	75	
White Rock.....	W. M. Evans.....	500		500	450		450	50	45	43			493				35	85	
Wilmot and Corona..	C. E. Logsdon.....	650	100	750	600	100	700	50	65	55	6	3	758	3		3	50	40	
Waubay.....	L. L. Layne.....	395		395	395		395		40	40	4	4	439	5		5	39	56	
Total.....		\$14836	\$2609	\$17445	\$14675	\$2606	\$17284	\$391	\$1440	\$1415	\$119	\$110	\$18809	\$231		\$231	\$2577	\$1391	

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed. Soc'y	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Total
	(a) Church	(a) Church School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund						
Aberdeen	351	30	381	36	3	2	18	75	12	5	155	58	571	18	\$1,376
Andover	20	...	20	4	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	35
Ashton	40	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
Bath and Columbia	50	8	58	8	1	1	8	20	5	1	52	...	9	4	185
Bowdle and Roscoe	10	...	10	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	28
Britton	43	17	60	8	1	1	5	25	5	1	23	...	90	...	241
Claremont	25	...	25	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	66	2	115
Conde	35	15	50	5	1	...	5	20	5	1	10	...	65	4	174
DeVoe	63	2	65	5	...	...	5	5	4	2	53	...	311	1	466
Doland	38	22	60	4	1	1	4	30	7	1	1	3	52	6	194
Frederick	23	7	30	4	1	1	4	15	4	...	...	...	...	4	77
Groton	92	...	92	6	1	1	5	22	3	1	15	...	185	...	353
Hecla	7	...	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Langford	33	7	40	5	1	1	7	18	3	2	9	...	...	5	104
Leola	8	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	22	...	...	1	42
Mellette	34	...	34	3	1	1	2	13	4	1	1	...	15	3	94
Mound City and Herreld	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	10
Northville	50	20	70	7	2	2	8	25	9	2	1	1	165	5	315
Selby and Bangor	25	...	25	2	1	...	2	5	10	...	14	...	14	4	83
Warner	69	6	75	4	1	1	8	15	5	2	6	...	45	6	183
Total	1016	138	1154	113	16	13	92	298	92	20	362	62	1596	71	* 4,167

* Total Includes Conference Claimants and Episcopal Fund found in Tables No. 3.

NAMES OF CHARGES	BENOVELENT COLLECTIONS.														
	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed. Soc'y	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund						
Alpena	110	29	139	9	2	2	6	25	3	2	16			10	232
Blunt	20		20	1			1						23		48
Burdette	25		25	1			3	7						3	49
Cavour	45		45	5	1	1	2	3		1				1	63
DeSmet	112	14	126	4	1	1	2	15	5	1	99		148	4	430
Faulkton	102		102	7	1	1	6	26		1				6	171
Forest City															23
Ft. Pierre Ct															
Gettysburg	33		33	5	1	1	3	8	3	1				3	67
Highmore	26	4	30	4	1		4	4	1	1			33		85
Hitchcock	73	15	88	8	1	1	6	5	2	1	22		55	5	207
Huron	212	45	257	10	1	1	16	35	1	1	95		369	8	811
Iroquois	70		70	1			1	2	3				42	4	132
Lebanon	20		20		1	1				1			35		62
Miller	60	10	70	4	1	1	6	7	3	1					108
Okobojo	23	10	33	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	47
Onida															
Pierre	85	10	95	5	1	1	3	8	4	1	15		15	4	170
Redfield	190		190	13	2	2	9	40		2	40		12	9	343
Wessington	56		56				4		3					4	69
Wessington Springs	81	20	101	6	1	1	8	30	5	1	7		201	5	389
Winthrop	105		105	6	1	1	6	26	3	1			11	6	183
Wolsey	17		17	1	1		1		3	1			5	1	34
Tulare	37		37	5	1	1	4	10		1				4	73
Total	1502	148	1650	97	19	17	94	255	39	19	295	1	939	78	*3,716

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NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed. Soc'y	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Total
	(a) Church	Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund						
Armour	40	15	55	4			2		2				52		121
Alexandria	140		140	3	1	1	5	20						1	187
Artesian	32		32	4			5	2			10		92		166
Bard	100		100	5	1	1	7	17	5	1				5	157
Bridgewater	12		12										1		13
Canistota and Riverside	38		38	2	1		3	4	3	1	5		1		61
Chamberlain	51		51	8	1	1	6	15	6		16		110	6	237
Fairfax Ct	10		10	2											22
Fulton	44	16	60	2			2	14	6				31	6	139
Geddes	33	7	40	4				15			3		16	4	97
Howard	25	10	35	5	1	1	4	20	3	1			26	2	111
Kimball	5		5	1			1	1						1	14
LaRoche	17	12	29	4	1	1	4		8	1	6		19	2	86
Letcher	34	7	41	5			4	10	3					4	79
Mitchell	305	27	332	30	2	2	11	227	14	5	240		472	20	1,471
Mitchell Ct	24		24												24
Mt. Vernon	40		40	5			4	10	3		28			2	101
Parkston and Ethan	65	10	75	5			4	17					6	5	131
Plankinton	49	6	55	6			13	25	12		35		12		178
Platte	62	18	80	10	1	1	10		12	1	10		20	1	156
Salem	40	5	45	4			5	10			4			2	90
Scotland	89	11	100	10			8	25	3				193	8	368
Springfield	76		76	8			6	6					25		137
Tripp and Delmont	73	7	80	10			8	25	5					8	156
Tyndall	70	5	75	2			11		6	2	4		144	2	255
White Lake	40	5	45	6	1	1	6	10		1	61		10	5	162
Woonsocket	85	15	100	12	1	1	10	30			17		25	10	234
Total	1599	176	1775	157	11	10	141	553	96	13	439		1255	94	*4,953

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NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
	Missions			Board of Ch'h Extension	S. S. Union	Tract Society	F. A. and S. E. Society.	Education		Am. Bible Sy	Woman's For- eign Miss'y Sy	Wom's Home Mis'y Society	Total Benev't Col's	Gener'l Cofer- ence Expen's	Total
	(a) Church.	(1) Sunday School.	Total.					(a) Public Ed'l Collection	(b) Child- ren's Fu'd						
Alcester	72	3	75	...	...	...	6	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	105
Ben Clare	44	...	44	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Beresford	31	32	63	5	1	1	2	4	2	1	38	...	55	2	187
Canton	\$ 4262	20	4282	16	2	2	15	60	2	1	22	1	201	15	4,673
Centerville	42	28	70	3	...	...	2	20	...	...	21	...	185	...	316
Colman	40	5	45	6	1	1	5	7	10	1	...	...	...	6	100
Colton Ct	60	...	60	4	1	...	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	91
Dell Rapids	45	15	60	5	1	1	6	18	5	...	7	...	46	3	168
Egan	83	7	90	4	1	1	3	14	3	1	1	...	...	3	140
Elk Point	42	3	45	2	1	1	2	5	...	1	17	2	9	2	99
Flandreau	92	16	108	8	2	1	6	30	7	1	22	...	25	8	249
Flandreau Ct	31	...	31	1	...	...	4	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	47
Garretson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gayville	44	4	48	3	1	1	3	10	3	1	4	...	38	3	127
Harrisburg	15	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	3	51
Hartford	100	3	103	9	2	1	6	25	...	1	1	1	211	9	401
Hudson	46	12	58	2	1	1	1	2	5	1	...	...	4	5	104
Hurley	90	...	90	6	1	1	...	...	2	1	25	30	...	...	177
Lennox	46	22	68	6	1	1	...	16	...	1	51	...	72	6	257
Lodi	37	...	37	3	...	1	3	6	2	1	...	...	...	3	67
Madison	190	60	250	16	2	2	11	55	1	1	165	...	519	15	1,071
Marlon	25	10	35	1	1	1	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	47
Montrose	26	...	26	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	35
Parker	126	25	151	11	2	2	...	39	...	1	51	...	143	10	445
Sioux Falls, First Church	319	131	450	35	3	3	25	85	10	2	200	...	640	25	1,573
Sioux Falls, Jordan Church	95	8	103	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	11	...	...	2	138
Vermillion	287	15	302	24	1	1	20	10	5	...	89	...	13	20	520
Wakonda	37	3	40	1	1	1	1	21	...	1	1	1	7	1	82
Worthing	14	...	14	2	1	1	3	3	...	1	...	...	28	1	58
Yankton	63	22	85	8	1	1	4	15	4	1	14	...	14	7	175
	6404	444	6848	184	29	27	159	461	90	21	771	35	2225	152	*11593

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NAMES OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed. Soci'y	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund						
Arlington	42	10	52	5	1	...	5	...	...	...	23	...	20	...	119
Aurora and Bruce	6	8	14	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	33
Big Stone City	118	7	125	28	2	...	6	23	6	1	...	...	194	7	394
Bradley	40	...	40	3	1	1	1	10	...	...	...	...	85	8	165
Bristol	85	5	90	6	1	2	...	15	...	1	1	1	52	...	191
Brookings	135	15	150	10	1	1	5	39	8	1	28	...	183	10	469
Castlewood	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Clark	63	15	78	10	1	1	10	30	4	1	33	...	21	8	219
Clear Lake	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	...	8	...	18
Garden City	45	12	57	1	2	2	6	20	...	...	30	...	168	8	315
Gary	82	5	87	1	1	2	6	20	3	2	...	...	53	7	147
Hazel	100	...	100	8	2	2	7	20	25	2	2	2	32	6	254
Henry	192	8	200	10	1	1	13	35	5	1	11	...	32	5	336
Kampeska	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Lake Preston	35	...	35	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	99	...	145
Milbank	114	53	167	12	1	1	10	35	9	1	100	...	230	9	700
Sisseton	41	14	55	7	1	2	6	15	3	1	...	...	84	4	199
Summit	12	...	12	2	1	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	26
Watertown	255	25	280	10	44	2	11	36	10	2	260	...	295	4	988
Webster	70	5	75	10	2	2	8	30	...	...	39	...	307	7	506
Willow Lakes	20	4	24	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	35
White	75	5	80	4	...	...	4	30	2	...	5	...	96	10	251
White Rock	20	...	20	3	...	...	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	4	39
Willmot and Corona	47	3	50	4	1	1	3	3	1	...	...	...	15	3	87
Waubay	13	...	13	3	1	1	3	7	1	1	14	1	54
Total	1619	194	1813	135	66	23	128	391	84	15	534	5	2056	106	*5,699

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY—DAKOTA CONFERENCE, FOR 1903.

Names of District.	Church Membership				Baptisms	Sunday Schools			Church Property							
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths		No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building & Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	Total Support Pastors, Presiding El.
Aberdeen—																
1902	66	1,261	3	8	47	40	331	2,147	31	54,150	17	\$16300	\$5,540	\$898	\$5,941	\$12762
1903	59	1,251	.....	8	55	41	337	2,099	31	56,350	17	18200	2,073	1,761	4,463	13,447
*Gain or Loss. ...	-7	-10	-3	.....	8	1	6	-48	.....	2,200	.....	1900	-3,467	863	-1,478	685
Huron—																
1902	77	1,817	10	19	62	49	391	2,622	27	51,650	18	14550	3,685	660	7,754	13,406
1903	127	1,746	10	13	56	52	404	2,683	30	71,650	20	18625	23,020	286	9,482	14,350
*Gain or Loss. ...	50	-71	.....	-6	-6	3	13	61	8	20,000	2	4075	19,335	-374	1,728	944
Mitchell—																
1902	143	2,122	13	16	80	42	409	2,792	33	77,300	18	21050	11,580	2,310	3,870	17,472
1903	164	2,094	13	19	119	43	404	3,028	36	87,100	20	26275	9,260	745	6,722	18,508
*Gain or Loss. ...	21	-28	.....	3	39	1	-5	236	3	9,800	2	5225	-2,320	-1,565	2,852	1,036
Sioux Falls—																
1902	238	3,150	14	25	197	53	499	3,938	40	106050	23	34500	9,802	3,245	7,410	23,659
1903	325	3,227	13	33	272	53	521	4,240	43	118250	23	36900	11,319	761	9,170	25,707
*Gain or Loss. ...	87	77	-1	8	75	.....	22	302	3	12,200	.....	2400	1,517	-2,484	1,660	2,048
Watertown—																
1902	170	2,143	10	23	168	41	398	2,946	27	83,850	20	24350	11,973	1,538	4,859	17,764
1903	185	2,262	8	17	173	43	401	3,091	32	85,800	20	26620	8,232	3,084	5,511	18,810
*Gain or Loss. ...	15	119	-2	-6	5	2	3	145	5	1,950	.....	2270	-3,741	1,546	652	1,046
Grand Total—																
1902	694	10,493	50	91	554	225	2,028	14,445	158	373000	96	110750	42,580	8,651	29,834	\$85063
1903	860	10,580	44	90	675	232	2,067	15,141	172	419150	100	126620	53,904	6,637	35,348	90,822
*Gain or Loss. ...	166	87	-6	-1	121	7	39	696	14	46,150	4	15870	11,324	-2,014	5,414	\$5,759

TREASURER'S REPORT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS, 1903.

Names of Districts	Missionary Society	Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Memorial Hall	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total Cash
						(a) Public Education- al Collections	(b) Children's Fund									
Aberdeen—																
1902	\$900	\$123	\$15	\$18	\$128	\$339	\$84	\$13	\$196	\$49	\$157	\$122	.....	\$198	\$106	\$2,626
1903	1,163	106	16	13	92	298	91	20	362	62	1,299	274	71	184	94	4,149
Huron—	263	-17	1	-5	-36	-41	9	7	166	13	1,142	152	71	-14	-12	1,523
1902	1,521	96	24	19	106	245	42	20	234	1	179	10	.....	186	100	2,929
1903	1,657	99	19	17	94	260	34	19	294	1	815	325	78	168	105	3,972
Mitchell—	136	3	-5	-2	-12	15	-8	-1	60		636	315	78	-18	5	1,043
1902	2,176	169	10	20	96	556	91	11	1,121	1	262	229	.....	235	110	5,359
1903	1,709	150	11	10	137	549	84	141	455		319	601	89	268	122	4,640
Sioux Falls—	-465	-19	1	-10	41	-7	-7	30	-666	-1	57	372	89	33	12	-719
1902	2,128	180	32	29	171	524	112	18	672	.....	208	189	.....	313	167	4,848
1903	6,848	185	29	27	159	467	89	21	771	5	1,174	763	152	416	175	11,285
*\$4,000 Bequest.	*4,720	5	-3	-2	-12	-57	-23	8	99	5	966	574	152	103	8	6,337
Watertown—	1,519	124	24	25	178	380	85	24	524	31	1,069	269	.....	240	113	4,934
1902	1,823	133	66	24	128	282	83	16	504	8	941	1,113	106	231	109	5,681
1903																
Total—	304	9	42	-1	-50	2	-2	-8	-20	-23	-128	844	106	-9	-4	747
1902	8,314	694	105	111	664	2,044	414	86	2,747	82	1,667	819	.....	1,174	593	20,796
1903	13,200	673	141	91	91	1,956	381	217	2,386	76	4,548	3,076	496	1,267	605	29,279
	4,886	-21	36	-20	-20	-88	33	131	-361	-6	2,881	2,157	83	12	8,483

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